THE WORLD

of The

Massachusetts General Hospital

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TO ALL WHO WORK IN THE MASSACHUSETTS GENERAL HOSPITAL

One purpose of this "World of Massachusetts General Hospital is to present information about the hospital. The Massachusetts General Hospital is a large and complex institution and it will take many issues to cover all departments but each issue should increase your knowledge and understanding of your hospital.

The World is also the medium in which problems can be detailed and remedies discussed. Problems may run all the way from the very personal items of wages and hours, to how to care for patients with a shortage of nurses or what to do for the common cold.

While many of the factual and problem articles will be submitted by department heads, other subject matter should come from employees in any position or any department. Of course the editorial board will have to select what shall be published because that is what an editorial board is for, but the intention is to provide a medium for free and open discussion. No one has a monopoly of all the good ideas, so if we all work together exchanging our thoughts we can make the Massachusetts General Hospital a better place to work in and provide better care of patients which is after all why we are here. Let's all get together and do it.

Sincerely yours,

N. W. Faxon, M.D.

MGH People Get Policies Book on Personnel

Your Part In The MGH Organization Fully Discussed In "The Little Red Book," Policies Outlined and Problem Procedure Explained

The M.G.H. has distributed to every employee a little Red Booklet which contains all necessary information connected with the Hospital, the policies which govern the hospital and the work of the hospital. It is a guide book to progress and success at the M.G.H.

The booklet is attractively bound and very readable. It has been prepared so that all employees will know where they stand and so the same rule will apply to all. Much of the information it contains is known to the older members of the Hospital family With this in hand all information is available to new and old workers.

The Problem Procedure

A new development at M.G.H. is the Problem Procedure. We have always been on the "Open Door" basis so that any employee has access to the Director. Many have been reluctant to take advantage of this policy, fearing to interrupt. With the new Problem Procedure, each worker with a problem to be solved can carry it by logical and recognized steps to his work supervisor, the Personnel office, Department Head, and a jury made up of three of his fellow workers and three department heads. Then it can go to Dr. Faxon for final review.

This is a procedure of fair play which the M.G.H. believes should exist between the Administrative group and the employee. It is illustrated also in the Vacation Policy and the Health Program.

After six months employment the M.G.H. gives one week's sick leave with pay yearly. If the Hospital pays full cost of hospitalization, tests, X-Rays, operation if necessary, nursing and medication, pay is not continued during this period.

If the employee has Blue Cross to pay the expense of hospitalization and medication, he is given his usual pay up to one month of hospitalization. One week's sick leave with pay at home applies to either method.

The little Red Book will repay study. It should be in the hands of all employees. If anyone has been missed in the distribution, he may get a copy in the Personnel Office.

War Is Never Over For Red Cross

Battle Goes On for Young Men Overseas, In Hospitals, and Veterans

The Red Cross started its yearly campaign March first. It will continue throughout the month in a national effort to raise funds for continuing the work of the organization. Nationally its goal is $100,000,000.

Recreation for occupation troops overseas, social service and recreation in military hospitals, family welfare and claims work for disabled service men, veterans and their dependents through Home Service are the major factors in the program of the American Red Cross in its adjustment to peace conditions and existing conditions.

An intensive schedule of Red Cross service is maintained in 335 military hospitals all over this country. Day rooms are maintained by the Red Cross where troops are stationed in Germany and Japan so that the men have something to do and some place to go in off hours.

A Red Cross desk has been in the main lobby where the M.G.H. family has given more than one thousand dollars toward the Red Cross services.

Volunteer Service Still Needed

During the war years the Massachusetts General Hospital has had many hours of service given by the Volunteers. At one point last spring, we had over 1,000 men and women a week coming in to help in every department of the Hospital. The Volunteer has done all kinds of work with an enthusiasm and an eagerness to be of service that has been an inspiration to all of us. At the present time there are approximately four hundred Volunteers a week still serving the Hospital. As paid workers have returned, we have been able to release some of our Volunteers. No Volunteer will ever keep a job from a paid worker, but there are many ways in which the Volunteer will always continue to be needed as a member of the Hospital Group.

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Lay Workers Help In Nursing Shortage

Do you realize how much it means to a nurse to have the assistance of the lay personnel. More orderlies mean that the nurses are freed to do the things for patients which they are especially trained to do. The men and women who clean the sterilizers, mop the floors and scrub the utensils are doing essential jobs, frequently done by the nurses during the war. One difficulty still present is the lack of maids to sweep the floors. The nurses must use their time to sweep the floors instead of caring for patients.

There is still a shortage of nurses. The nurse is responsible for the environment of the patients. That is, those things done for the patient's comfort and cleanliness. This is the reason that the nurse sweeps and cleans. In doing these jobs she is prevented from doing other things for the patient which contribute to his recovery. The lay worker therefore is very important because of his contribution to patient care.

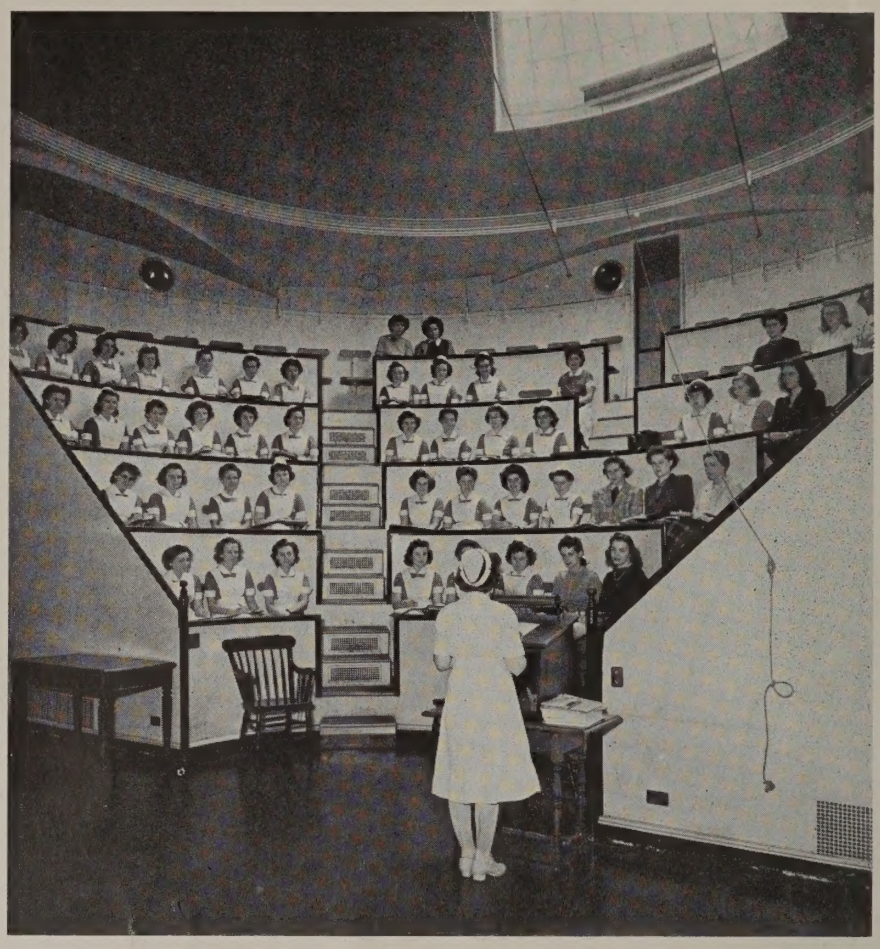
To combat this shortage of nurses and the added burden of overwork placed on the available nurses there had to be a curtailment in the number of patients taken into the hospital. Wards and parts of wards had to be closed. The less essential nursing care had to be reduced. Procedures which did not interfere with the patient's recovery were lessened whenever possible. For example, many times two baths a week were given to the ward patients instead of three.

Procedures were simplified. A less complicated type of recovery bed was used. More equipment was added; such as more linen, more blood pressure machines. Equipment was added that could be moved about on wheels. During the war volunteers were trained in large numbers and used for errand service to help with the work of orderlies, maids, and ward helpers as well as to give actual bedside care to patients. Refresher courses for older nurses who could work part time were added. The size of the nursing school was increased from 285 to 500. This was the greatest single factor which increased nursing service to patients. In general the shortage of nurses is now acute over the entire country.

The problem of nursing shortage as it applies specifically to the Massachusetts General Hospital reveals a few hopeful signs. At least 66% of the February graduates are returning to the Massachusetts General Hospital and the Eye and Ear Infirmary. A less encouraging note is the fact that the incoming February class is unusually small. We have a small class, whereas some schools do not have any class at all. Nurses are returning in somewhat increased numbers. Women as a whole are not returning as fast as men. Generally speaking men have families to support. Women can take advantage of their terminal leaves.

Nurses must look to the lay personnel for help of vital importance. Through this aid the nurses are able to give essential service for the recovery of the patients.

Student Nurses in Ether Dome



Student Nurses attend a lecture in the famous "Ether Dome" where the first operation under ether was performed.

Hospital Finances

It cost to operate the Massachusetts General Hospital in 1945		$3,881,667.00
Salaries and wages were.....	$2,262,357.00	
or 58% of the total cost.		
This was more than twice what they were in 1935.		
Supplies (food, linen, heat, etc.) were.....	1,619,310.00	
or 42% of the total cost.		
This also was more than double that of 1935.		
The income from patients, from meals and from all other Hospital sources was.....		2,726,085.00
This was just twice the income of 1935.		
The difference between the expenses and income leaves an operating deficit of.....		1,155,582.00
Non-operating expenses bring the total deficit to.....		1,186,073.00
The Treasurer will be able to provide from income on investments, from gifts and the grant from the Community Fund.....		879,513.00
WHICH WILL LEAVE A FINAL DEFICIT OF.....		$ 306,560.00
THIS MUST BE PAID FROM CAPITAL		

Department Parties Bring Good Cheer

Both Accounting and Dietary Departments Invite Guests For Their Festive Evenings

Accounting Department Christmas Party

Dietary Department Christmas Party

Have You Seen

Have you seen the Bulletin Boards and the Suggestion Boxes? They are for your benefit. Ideas that you have may be helpful for all of us. This may benefit patients in our care. Excellent suggestions have already been submitted. There are two Bulletin Boards and Suggestion Boxes; one is located near the cloak room of the Moseley Building, the other is near the cloak room of the Out-Patient Department. Articles or news "For The World of M. G. H." may be put in these boxes. Please watch the Bulletin Boards, they will keep you posted on information.

Marion Gilligan, East Pay counter girl, has taken a couple of weeks off to give her son some home cooking, which he missed the two years he was overseas in the army.

Training On The Job

Vocational Rehabilitation courses are now offered at the Massachusetts General Hospital. Any veteran interested in knowing more about "learning on the job" may obtain this information at 17 Court Street, the Veteran's Administration Regional Office, Boston.

Katherine McBride, East and West Dishrooms, became a grandmother for the second time on February 7 when her son Jim announced the birth of a daughter at Anderson, S. C. The new arrival weighed in at seven and three-fourth pounds and answers to the name of Jane Beatrice. Jim was recently discharged from the Coast Guard and has now returned to his old job with the Forbes Lithograph Company.

How To Treat The Common Cold

Five Rules For Getting Over Colds and Not Spreading This Year-Round Hazard

By a Member of the Professional Staff

FIVE POINTS IN THE CONTROL OF COLDS

1. Stay out of crowds.
2. Avoid sniffing and sneezing people.
3. Go off duty for 24 hours.
4. Obtain plenty of rest.
5. Free fluids.

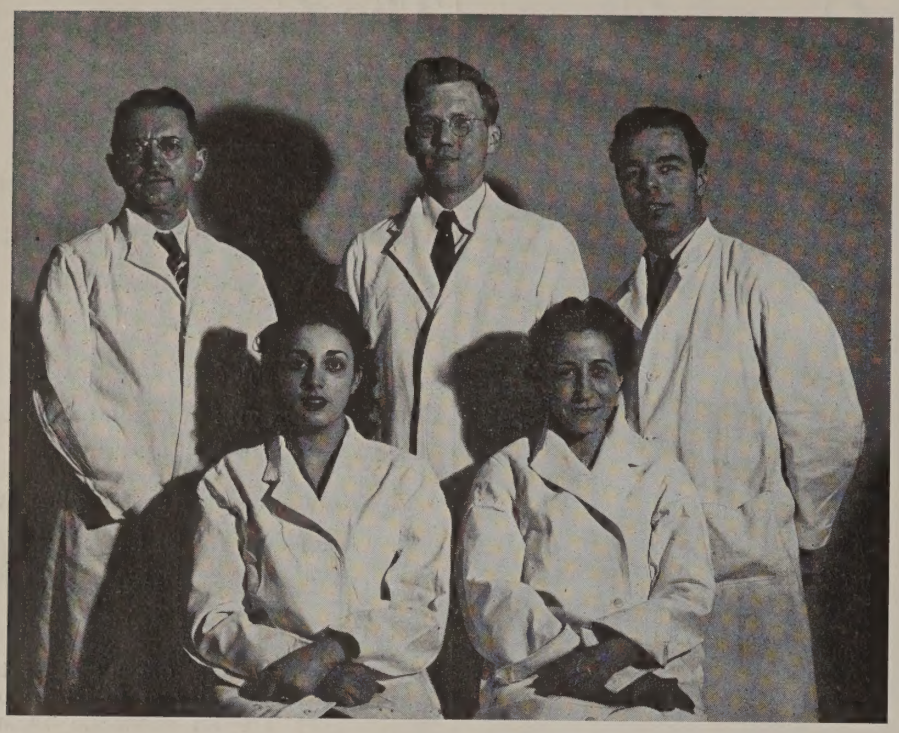
We all know how difficult it is to avoid colds, especially at this time of year. They are an economic factor which challenges the efficiency of all of our personnel. Vaccines for immunization to prevent colds are not necessary. Results to date have not justified their use. This is also true of vitamines. Evidence that vaccines or vitamines offer certain protection has not been absolutely shown, though they continue to be used with the confidence of many.

Specifically a cold germ is a filterable virus. A cold may be transmitted by direct and indirect contact. To combat this fact, our Dietary Department has efficient rules for our food handlers. The important point is how to decrease colds. Shall we adopt compulsory isolation or can we depend upon voluntary isolation. If you get a cold, feel chilly and hot by turns, a safe rule is to go to bed for 24 hours, drink one full glass of fluid every hour when awake and take two asperin after each meal and at bed time. If your temperature is 99.4 or over you should have medical advice.

The best way then is to turn in early during the sneezing period. With people so needed to carry on the hospital services it is difficult to ask for compulsory isolation. Can we rely on the good judgment of each individual and trust to common sense. Anyone with a cold should go at once to the Staff Clinic and see Mrs. Horner. She will refer them to a doctor in the Staff Clinic.

The *News* this month announces a reception being planned for members of the staff, nurses, and employees who served in the armed forces. It will be held at the Hospital some time in May—probably on the lawn. More detailed announcements of plans will appear in subsequent issues of THE WORLD.

The Photographic Laboratory



Members of Photographic Laboratory: R. W. St. Clair, R. Kleinhans, D. C. Withee, Loretta Zirpolo, Sara Parsons

If you ask the average layman what comprises the personnel of a large hospital, he would probably say physicians and nurses. However, anyone who has had a casual association with a large hospital is soon impressed with the fact that a large institution is really a city within itself, consisting of all types of maintainance shops, plumbers, carpenters, steam fitters, libraries and other types of activities.

The Massachusetts General Hospital has its own Printing Department, Medical Artists and Photographic Laboratory. The Photographic Laboratory handles a diversified type of work such as line negatives prepared for the print shop from which the stationary and various forms are printed. Most of the drawings of the Medical Art department are photographed before being sent to the publishers. Since the Massachusetts General Hospital teaches both nurses and medical students, lantern slides and charts are prepared in the course of a year. Patients in many instances are photographed before and after treatment for general record purposes. All unusual cases are completely photographed.

Although during the war years the motion picture work has fallen off due to scarcity of materials, the photographic laboratory still does motion picture work in both the operating room and in the laboratory.

The Pathological Department requires numerous photographs of both surgical and autopsy specimens. In conjunction with the medical research laboratories many photomicrographs are taken, and with the increase in the availability of color materials this type of work is becoming more and more important. To illustrate the magnitude of work done in the course of a year, the photographic laboratory during the year 1945 produced 4,101 negatives, 5,991 prints, 3,960 slides, 612 color slides and 1,400 feet of movie film.

In the early days of its existence, the photographic laboratory consisted of one room. The department has grown so that now it is located in the basement of the Bulfinch building with a total of five rooms. There is a laboratory and dark room in the Pathological Laboratory. At the present time the staff consists of Mr. Richard W. St. Clair and Mr. D. C. Withee, photographers, Mr. Robert Klienhans, an assistant, and Miss Loretta Zirpolo, secretary. For the past year the department has been fortunate in having Miss Sara Parsons who has been a great help in the photographing of pathological specimens and Miss Edith Hall, a volunteer who has helped in the preparing of slides.

The social events of the hospital family are covered as well as the strictly professional activities.

Personals

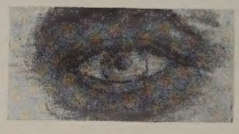
We welcome all our veterans back to the Massachusetts General Hospital. It seems like old times to see Dr. Thorndyke and Dr. Hamilton at desks once again.

Miss Anna Griffin, superintendent of nurses at the Baker Memorial Hospital is a patient in Baker. All her friends wish her a speedy recovery.

In Memoriam

Mr. Elmer C. Gray, for many years an orderly in the General Hospital, died suddenly in his home on February 28, 1946. Mr. Gray had given faithful service for many years. Before coming to the hospital, he studied law and was admitted to the Massachusetts Bar in 1904. He entered this hospital as a member of the course given to orderlies on June 7, 1917, and received his certificate on July 24, 1919. He remained here until April, 1920, when he went to the Salem Hospital, where he was an orderly for many years.

In December, 1936, he returned to duty in the Massachusetts General Hospital where he worked as night orderly on Bulfinch 7 until last month.



The Roving Eye

Mr. Ellis, refrigerator man, staring pensively at a Phillips House ice box that refuses to get cold. . . . The flowers at the White Information Desk are always beautiful. . . . Messrs. Kinsman, Dahl, Buschenfeldt, Clark, Harvey at their favorite table in East Pay Cafeteria carrying on an earnest conversation, settling post war problems, where to go fishing, or perhaps building a better hospital. . . . Dr. Clay helping a harassed employee get a truckful of dishes through a crowd of doctors. . . . Muriel McLatchie painting what the Roving Eye thought was a beautiful abstract design, but she informed the Eye that it was an exact rendering of a ruptured appendix, but such color, such movement, such emotional impact. . . . Miss Kellogg, social worker, writing, sipping black coffee and wrinkling her brows in the East Pay Cafeteria at breakfast. . . . Miss Sally Johnson always looking so professional, efficient and human. . . We miss her. . . . Mrs. Horner at Staff Clinic doing six things at once besides answering the telephone, as calm and cool as can be.

The Dietary Department has added two dietitians to its staff; Miss Elizabeth Kutchin of East Lansing, Michigan, for Baker Memorial Floors, and Miss Shirley Gray of La Cross, Wisconsin, for Nurses Cafeteria.

Albert Hetue is a patient in Bulfinch III. Albert is one of our plumbers. He has made an excellent recovery. We wish him the best of health from now on.

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Two Outstanding Pioneers Retire

Miss Ida M. Cannon one of First Medical Social Service Workers

Ida M. Cannon, Pioneer in Medical Social Service.

The Chief of the Social Service in the Massachusetts General Hospital has retired after many years of brilliant service. She will be greatly missed but fortunately she will continue in the field of writing. Her plan is to write a history of the Social Service Department.

For nearly forty years Miss Cannon has given devoted service to the Hospital. Dr. Richard C. Cabot was the initiator of Medical Social Service. Miss Cannon was the person who carried out the ideas of this service.

Dr. Cabot was the physician of the Out-Patient Department in 1905. He felt more was needed than just telling a patient he "needed a vacation", "get a job", "go to a dentist". He believed patients needed special diets, help with home problems.

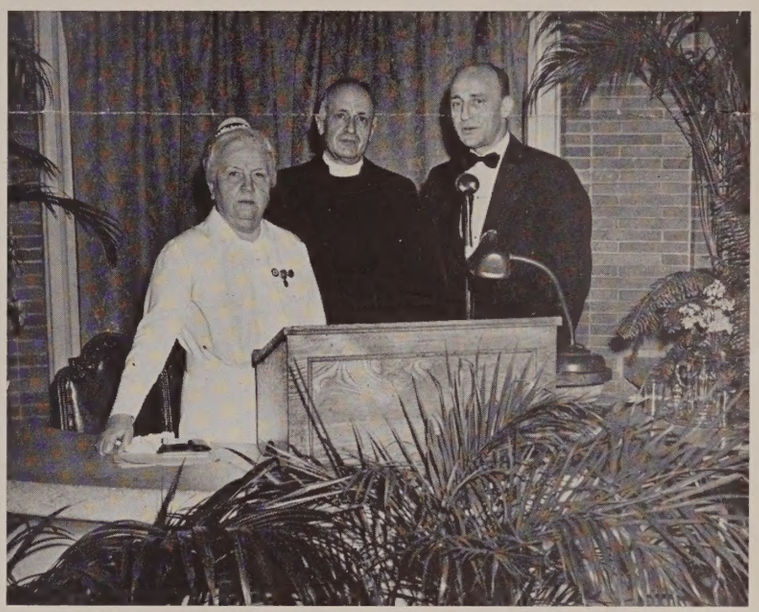
Two of the first workers to assist him were Miss Garnet I. Pelton and Miss Gertrude L. Farmer. Miss Ida Cannon had been a visiting nurse and she came as a volunteer in 1906. In 1907 she became Head Worker in the Out-Patient Department. This was the first Medical Social Work in the country. One of the first jobs was the supervising of the care of early T. B. patients by families at home. Since then Miss Cannon has dealt with almost every possible problem known to man. During these years Miss Cannon has come to be regarded as a leader throughout the country. She is known as an author, lecturer, consultant and trainer of social workers.

Miss Cannon has an interesting hobby. It is astronomy and she is a veteran of many eclipse jaunts. We all wish her great success in the days to come.

Workers are invited to submit news for THE WORLD. *News of babies, deaths, illnesses, marriages, engagements, promotions, parties, trips, coming events, and hobbies are welcome. If possible, pictures or snapshots should be included.*

See any member of the Editorial Board or the Personnel Office or use the suggestion boxes which are near the coatroom in the Moseley Building and the Out-Patient Department.

Miss Sally Johnson Leader in the Nursing Field



NURSES GRADUATION 1946

Miss Sally Johnson, Right Reverend Henry K. Sherrill, Dr. W. K. Jordan, President, Radcliffe College.

Miss Sally Johnson has retired as Superintendent of Nurses and Principal of the Training School for Nurses at the Massachusetts General Hospital. She was a Hospital alumna of the Class of 1910. She has served her post with great distinction since 1920.

Miss Johnson, during her term of office, has been faced with many problems that go along with changes in the building program. There have been two large new buildings that needed to be staffed and organized by the Nursing Service.

Better nursing care of patients as the major obligation of the nursing profession has been Miss Johnson's constant aim. During Miss Johnson's regime new groups have been added to the Nursing Staff to assume non-nursing duties. Two such important groups are ward secretaries and ward helpers. Many of the non-nursing duties have been given to the ward helpers, maids and secretaries. The hours of duty for personnel have been reduced from 10 to 8 hours. With the lifting of this physical burden has come improvements in nursing training and increased staff education.

As the school has grown and developed under Miss Johnson's wise guidance, her dreams for a Liberal Arts degree for candidates in the Nursing School have finally been consummated in the new coordinated program with Radcliffe College.

During the war Miss Johnson was faced with the problem of seeing one hundred and seventy-four nurses leave the wards for the military service. Wards had to be covered, the Cadet Corps to be recruited and trained, and the great mass of volunteer workers to be fitted into the pattern of hospital life.

Miss Johnson's standards have never faltered. Under her guidance the Nursing Department has come through triumphantly during these hard war years. It is Miss Johnson's integrity, her loyalty, her independence of thought and her enthusiasm that have endeared her not only to her pupils but also to all who have worked with her in our Hospital.

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Photography Laboratory

We welcome back to the Massachusetts General Hospital the nurses who served with the 6th General Hospital.

To Phillips House:

Francis Charman
Alice Corcoran
Helen Coughlin
Helen Forrant
Bessie McLellan
Elma L. Melin
Margaret Nelson
Eleanor P. Pittman
Ann Tdesco

To Baker Memorial:

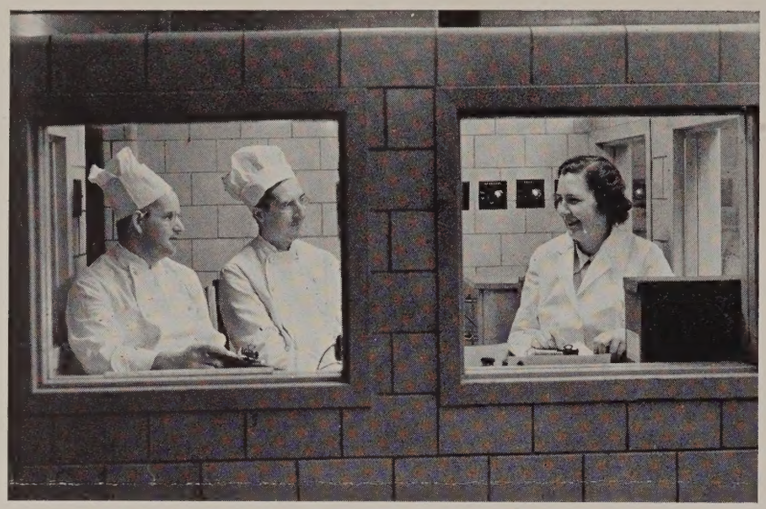
Ethel Anderson
Evelyn King
Eunice Plant

To The General Hospital:

Mary Carpenter
Phyllis Madden

What's Cooking in the Dietary Department

2 Million Meals in 1945



Left to right: Walter Rice, Chef; Ernest Becker, Head Baker; Ruth Spencer, Head Administrative Dietitian.

Patrick Gallagher, Head Butcher; Walter Kalaitis, Assistant Butcher.

Potatoes. 366,840 pounds of them. That's what the Dietary Department used in the 2,000,000 meals they served in 1945 to patients, doctors and employees.

Each day Chef Walter Rice in the White Kitchen with Tom Connolly, Frank Campanella and their helpers work on the day's four menus, one for each of the three pay cafeterias and one for the wards. They also start some of the food for the next day's meals. Head Baker Ernest Becker, Otto Skeppen. Louis Giogrande and others bake all the bread, rolls and desserts.

All raw foods are received from suppliers by Eddie Davock at the Lower Store, while Pat Gallagher handles the meats. The kitchens requisition from this unit.

The patients' food is loaded on electrically heated trucks and Bill Campbell and his men deliver them to the ward kitchens. There ward maids, supervised by a dietitian, place the food on trays and wash the dishes. Special diets are prepared in the Diet Kitchen, presided over by Bertha Fulmer. Salads are made by Anna Powers, Lottie Forni and Helen Winan, while Mabel Rasmussen prepares the sandwiches.

All food is checked for quality and taste by a dietitian at definite meal hours and before it leaves the kitchens.

The countermen in the cafeterias, like East Pay's Charlie Kavanaugh, bring the food from the kitchen and arrange the counters. Betty MacDonald, head cashier, assisted by Theo Razwad, takes the cash.

In Baker Memorial Kitchen Chef Hans Haselwander, Reggie Marks, Tony Martinez and others prepare (except special diets which come from the Diet Kitchen) the food for Baker and Phillips House patients. It is conveyed to the floor by heated trucks. The tray servers, supervised by Mary McGuiness, set up the trays and wash the dishes. This kitchen also cooks for the dietary employees' dining room and Katherine McLaughlin, Anna Dickson and others serve the meals.

In general, the Dietary Department buys, cooks and serves the food to patients, doctors and employees, prepares menus, figures costs, cleans dining rooms, kitchens and equipment.

CHEST X-RAY FOR EVERY EMPLOYEE

Dr. Robert Palmer, Health Officer of the Hospital, and Dr. Helen Pittman, our Pulmonary Consultant are very anxious that every employee of the Hospital knows that it is possible for him to have a chest x-ray through our Staff Clinic free of charge.

If you belong to a group who are not sent regularly for Physical Examinations and have not had a chest film within a year, all you have to do is to bring your Unit Number to Staff Clinic any day between 8:00 A.M. and 4:00 P.M., and you will receive a chest film requisition. You will take this to the General X-ray on the second floor of the White Building any day at 8:30 A.M. or 4:00 P.M.

You can do your part in making ours a model health community by having your chest x-ray taken promptly.

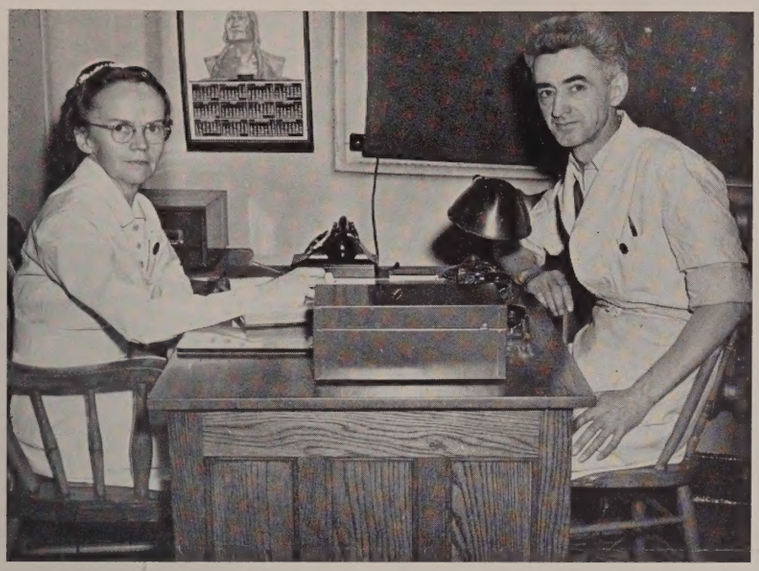
Orderlies

The General Nursing Department has now established a central "on call" trucking service. There are three orderlies assigned to the War Service office on the first floor of the Bulfinch Building. All calls for transferring and trucking patients to X-ray or other wards, going for Oxygen tanks and so on, are directed to War Service. So far the plan has worked out very well and the experiment will be established permanently later on if it continues so satisfactorily. The call service will prevent men being called away from routine duties on the wards.

Shirley Perkins, a technician in the chemistry laboratory, recently announced her engagement to Roger N. Tuttle. Plans for a June wedding are underway.

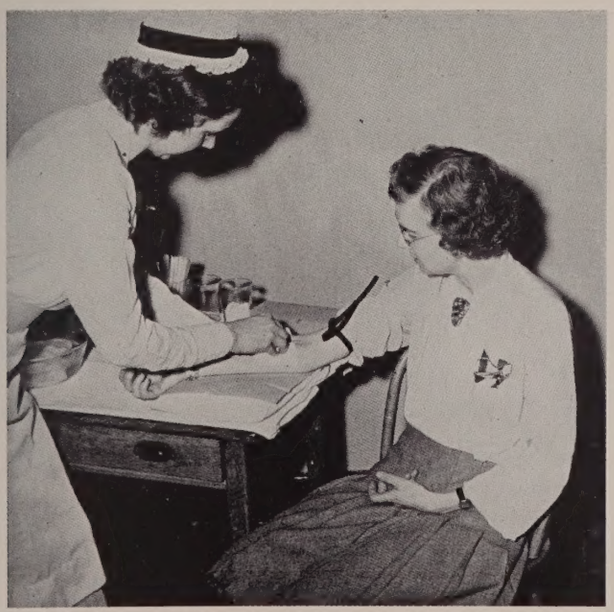
Alice Egan, a clerk in the Purchasing Department is a June bride. She was married to Mathew F. O'Donnell on June 15. We all wish her happiness.

Staff Clinic Serves Hospital Personnel



Health Supervisor, Staff and Personnel, interviewing Dietary employee.

Staff Clinic Doctor taking blood pressure as part of routine physical examination.



Staff Clinic Assistant doing routine blood.

Staff Clinic is a unit operated by the Administration for two purposes. First, to give our staff and personnel the best possible medical care and second to make certain as far as we can that our staff and personnel are physically fit to carry on their duties.

Dr. Robert Palmer is the Chief. He has eight doctors to assist him. each serving two clinic sessions each week. These include Doctors Wade Volwiler, Arthur Pier, Janet McArthur, Dorothea Loofbourow, Freidlich Klemperer, Edward Wheeler, Victor Balboni, and Alexander Albert. Mrs. Horner is in charge of the Clinic and is assisted by Miss Rosendale, staff nurse and Miss Holden, secretary.

Starting on March 1 this year, every potential employee going through the Personnel Office goes to Staff for a routine pre-physical. This consists of a chest film, Hinton, urinalysis and hemoglobin. Nursing Department employees have, in addition to this, typhoid immunization. Dietary employees also have typhoid immunization, together with a Widal, the blood test for typhoid fever, and a stool culture.

Appointments for physical examinations are made at once if indicated. Initial and annual physical examinations are done on all Nursing Department, Dietary and Maintenance employees, and others as soon as time permits.

Our doctors are in the Clinic from eight to ten every morning except Sundays and holidays and certain afternoons by appointment. Every employee who has been off duty because of illness or accident should check back through Staff Clinic whether he has sick pay or not. Days off duty computed in the Staff Clinic are for a monthly report and have nothing to do with the payroll. An employee coming to Staff Clinic during the time he is on duty must bring a slip from his department head.

How About A Baby Picture?

Young Frank Dykeman, 13 months old, son of Roy Dykeman of the Protective Department.

All accidents, no matter when or where they happen, are seen first in the Emergency Ward. In April there were, all told, 1,246 visits to the clinic.

It is quite important that a person who has to be followed over a period of time should choose his own doctor and come on his day whenever possible. Persons going to other clinics, even if they have appointments, must check through Staff Clinic for their free admissions.

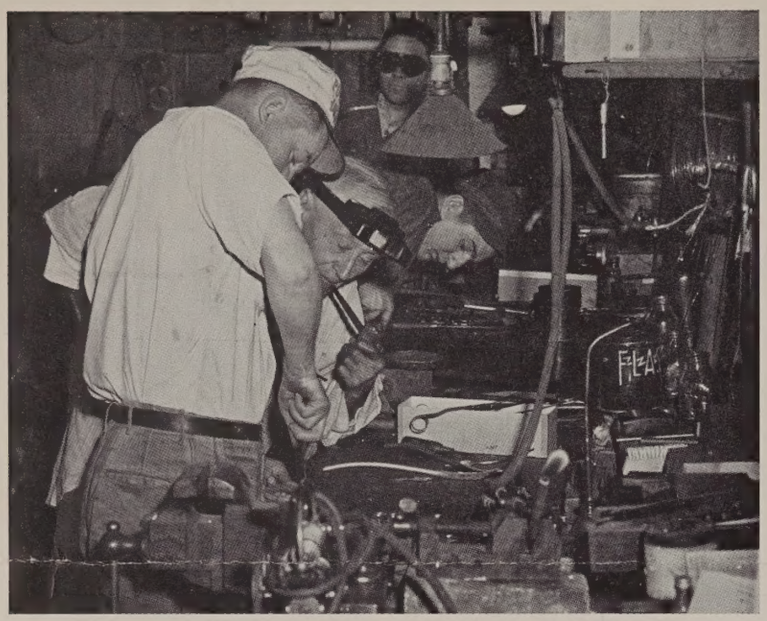
Our Hospital Administration has spared no expense to provide excellent medical care, free X-rays, certain free medicine, and many free tests and treatments. There is a nurse on duty from eight to four every day and eight to twelve on Saturdays for consultation or treatments. Our personnel can show their appreciation of this by keeping their appointments, by carrying out their doctors orders, and keeping themselves as physically fit as possible.

EMPLOYEES HEALTH PROGRAM COSTS

During the year 1945 the Massachusetts General Hospital spent for Health Service to its employees:

Staff Clinic — estimated salaries	$ 12,800
Hospitalization of employees at regular rates (including Emergency Ward)	54,000
Sick Leave with Pay	57,000
X-rays — estimated on the basis of two months of 1946	11,000
Other services — including supplies, estimated on the basis of two months of 1946	5,000
Workmen's Compensation	2,200
	$142,000

The Razor Edge In the Instrument Shop



Left to right. Joseph Hourihan, George Rauh, Leonard Maggiotta, Carl Althausen.

"What does a surgeon do when he is handed a dull scalpel?" George Rauh of the Surgical Instrument Shop has the true craftsman's pride in seeing that every surgical or other instrument that leaves his shop is perfectly sharpened.

The Surgical Instrument Shop on Fruit Street is a machine shop in miniature. It has emery wheels, polishers, buffers, presses, drills and a gas jet furnace as well as lathes. The walls are hung with tools and gadgets used in the exacting work. Surgical and other instruments are made here. The doctors outline what they have in mind and the craftsmen produce the model.

The utensils and silverware are engraved or stamped for the Dietary Department.

George Rauh came to the hospital thirty-four years ago and started the first instrument repair shop under the old amphitheatre. Other employees now assisting George are Carl Althausen, Leo Maggiotta, and Joseph Hourihan, who is an apprentice G. I.

What About Breakfast?

What about breakfast? Do we eat enough? Or do we turn off the alarm, take a few extra winks, then grab a cup of coffee and do a Dagwood out the front door?

You can't breakfast like a bird and work like a horse. That is sound advice, because it comes from Robert S. Goodhart, Surgeon (R) USPHS, chief of the Industrial Feeding Programs Division of the War Food Administration.

Our grandparents ate a good hearty breakfast, but as the years have passed, Americans have eaten less and less at that meal until today 80% of the American workers do not have sufficient food of the right sort in the morning to keep them alert at their work. The result is not only a high accident rate during the morning hours but a low efficiency rate as well.

Breakfast is perhaps the most important meal of the day and should not be neglected. The time between the evening meal and breakfast may be between 12 and 14 hours. This is a long period. It should not be extended until lunch time. If it is, mental alertness will give way to fatigue. When a worker eats an adequate breakfast, he's bound to be a better worker and a happier, healthier individual. A man engaged in medium light work requires 3,000 calories a day. If 1,000 calories are taken at breakfast, he is on the safe side; provided, of course, that he eats the proper foods.

What is an adequate breakfast? Here is one which every American, from infancy to old age, might follow with benefit. It calls for fruit, cereal, egg, milk, bread, and butter. One quarter to one third of the total amount of food required each day should be eaten at breakfast.

Dr. Clayton H. Hale's wife recently had a baby in Baker Memorial.

The Roving Eye

The $64 question . . . What 4 qualities can all of us develop to greater perfection to aid the Hospital maintain its standards? . . . answers below.

The General Store in Moseley carries a surprising number of items. . . . P. Gamble shining up the ambulance. . . . Stewart, electrician, pockets always bulging with tools of his trade. . . . John Hague, Upper Store, catching up on his reading during his lunch period. . . . Mike Morris, orderly, hastening to answer a loud speaker call. . . . The humorous weather reports at Employees Entrance, written by doorman Bill Keough. . . . Howard Libby of the Animal Farm loaded with lettuce for the rabbits. . . . Miss Kemos, Bacteriological Laboratory, taking cultures of the dishes to check on sterilization . . . dishwashing's a science as practiced at M.G.H. . . . Al Cloutier on his motoscooter. . . . Sam Jeffrey, maintenance, balancing a huge pipe as he emerges from sub-cellar of the White. . . . John Keating, Baker Information night clerk, getting used to sleeping days, . . . before joining the army he was in the Lower Food Store for years. . . . Answer to the $64 question. . . . Tidiness, Mutual Friendliness, Tolerance and Quiet . . . see page 4 of the little "Red Book" for a 5th quality. . . . Bulfinch Building is named after the architect who designed it . . . he also designed the State House and the Capitol at Washington. . . . Fellow workers from houseman John Moorad to Miss Sleeper wearing their hospital service pins proudly. . . . Miss Lepper, any day with her basket full of the day's work, but what's in the bottom of the basket? . . . Who always twiddles his watch chain while engrossed in thought or conversation . . . even his portrait was painted with his hand on his watch chain. . . . If you can't guess correctly the answer may be in next month's column. . . . Joe Napoli and Joe Cavallaro getting the yard ready for spring. . . . "Drawsheet," student nurse publication, edited by Mary Wallace, well written and interesting. . . . Those two white clad figures hurrying in that chilly morning proved to be Miss Fraser and Dr. Towery returning from visiting Nurses' Infirmary. . . .

Farewell Party Given For Mrs. Romero

Left to right: Vyrene M. Ross, Mrs. Mary Romero, Dr. C. Guy Lane and Dr. Austin W. Cheever.

Mrs. Mary Romero is missed in the South Medical Clinic where she had served as intravenous technician since 1918. She has sailed for Scotland to visit her sister whom she has not seen for many years. With her go the good wishes of all her friends who hope she will have a happy reunion with her relatives and return to us in the not too distant future.

At a surprise party given in her honor before she left, Dr. Austin Cheever presented Mrs. Romero with a gold wrist watch suitably inscribed.

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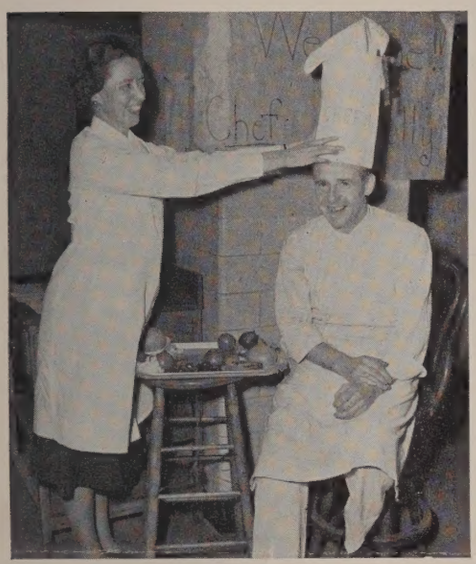
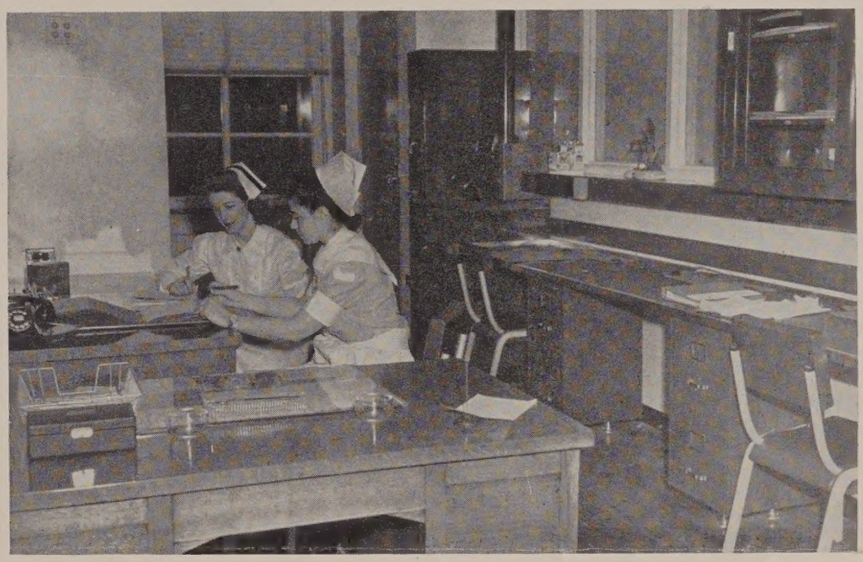
Opening of Vincent Memorial Hospital

Burnham Wards Opening Follows



Chef Connolly of White Kitchen, capped by Miss Marian Floyd, chief dietitian



A Vincent Memorial Unit

The formal opening of the Vincent Memorial Hospital took place on November 25 when the first, second and third floors of the new building were thrown open to the guests of the Vincent Club. This is the portion which they erected. Mr. Henry C. Everett, Jr., President of the Board of Trustees of the Vincent Memorial opened the dedicatory services by telling the story of the hospital, and introduced the other speakers, who included Mr. Francis C. Gray, chairman of the Board of Trustees of Massachusetts General Hospital, Dr. Nathaniel W. Faxon, Director of the Vincent Memorial Hospital (as well as of the General), Dr. Joe V. Meigs, Chief of Staff of the Vincent Memorial Hospital and the Rev. Theodore P. Ferris, Rector of Trinity Church.

Nearing completion, the new building houses the Vincent Memorial Hospital for gynecological patients and the Burnham Wards for children. Modern planning and construction have added to the Massachusetts General Hospital two units which will materially increase the effectiveness of what is becoming virtually a medical center.

The Burnham Wards are the three upper floors. On the eighth of January the children from Wards 10 and 12 of the General Hospital were moved to Burnham 4 and 5. Burnham 6, not yet completed, will be used for private patients.

The first to catch the eye in the new building is color. Soft clear tones of green, pink, blue and yellow characterize the corridors and rooms giving an atmosphere of serenity for patients and workers.

Another attraction is the use of stainless steel. In the streamlined serving kitchens it provides the last word in modern equipment for food servers easy to keep clean and sparkling. In the utility rooms the same features are expected to lighten the work of the nurses.

The new building has 131 beds, making a total of 1002 beds available for patients. In 1821, the Massachusetts General Hospital opened its doors to patients with 60 beds.

Food at Cost In Cafeterias

The employees of the Massachusetts General Hospital are served food at cost prices. This is a planned policy of the administration for the benefit of those who carry on the hospital service. With the increased cost of materials and labor it has been necessary to increase the food charges. This may raise the question as to how food costs are determined.

The following is the method used. Included are the cost of food and supplies, the cost of labor, heat, light, electricity and gas, depreciation and maintenance of equipment and interest on capital invested. There is no charge for space or rent. As the hospital is not adjacent to many eating places, this policy of food at cost for hospital employees has been a saving of time and expense for all.

Tom Connolly New Chef White Kitchen

Hail to Chef Connolly!

On February 26, assistant chef Connolly was made chef of the White Kitchen upon the resignation of chef Walter Rice. The event was a gay party of the dietary department and the capping of the new chef by Chief Dietitian Marian D. Floyd. Congratulations were given by the members of many departments.

Chef Connolly was born and educated in Monahan County, Ireland, and came to the United States when he was twenty. His first job was in the dietary department of the Massachusetts General Hospital. His promotion caps twenty-two years of service.

In 1932, after six years in this country, Tommy married Kathleen Gallagher, also born in Ireland. There are now five children, one boy, and four girls.

Workers are invited to submit news for THE WORLD. *News of babies, deaths, illnesses, marriages, engagements, promotions, parties, trips, coming events, and hobbies are welcome. If possible, pictures or snapshots should be included.*

See any member of the Editorial Board or the Personnel Office or use the suggestion boxes which are near the coatroom in the Moseley Building and the Out-Patient Department.

EDITORIAL BOARD

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PLEASE SELECT
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Employees' Prescriptions

"Prescriptions for employees, when written by staff members, and initialed by the Out-Patient Department Admitting Officer, may be filled at the O. P. D. Pharmacy at special employees' prices." So says the Red Book.

Employee prices for drugs are 25% less than patients' prices. Patients of the hospital pay less for drugs than the current prices in the chain drug stores. Employee prices are 33% lower than those of the low priced drug stores.

Employees who are given prescriptions through Staff Clinic because of an *acute* illness, or who are hospitalized, are given their medicines free of charge.

It is estimated that prescriptions for employees aggregate a total of about $14,000 per year.

Hospital Glee Club Every Tuesday Eve.

With the new year has come the formation of the M. G. H. Glee Club which meets every Tuesday evening at 7:30 in the Moseley rotunda. It is made up of hospital employees from all departments who like choral singing.

The Glee Club committee includes: President, Edmund J. Gallahue, Jr.; Vice-President, John F. McCracken; Treasurer, Mrs. Irene Granski, R.N.; Manager, Mrs. Frances Hennessey; Music Assistant, William Kelleher; Committee Members, Naomi Harvey, James Wyllie, Lillian Lloyd, Dorothy O'Connor, Lawrence Fay, and Steve Bell. Miss Eleanor Greenwood, formerly Volunteer Director of the Hospital, is the Glee Club director and William Holbrook is pianist.

The Ladies' Visiting Committee has given the Glee Club a grant of money to be used toward a music library. Through the interest and generosity of the Pepperel Music Society, formed seventy years ago, music has been loaned for the use of the Glee Club.

New members are invited.

January 23, 1948.

To all members of the staff and employees of the Massachusetts General Hospital:

We all are interested in the successful operation of the Massachusetts General Hospital. Successful operation requires a satisfactory financial condition. This means that income must equal expense.

Our income is made up of payments from patients, interest on endowment, investments, direct gifts to the hospital for current expense, and the grant from the Community Fund.

Because of the large amount of free service given in the wards of the General Hospital and in the Out-Patient Department, there is usually an annual deficit which has to be paid from unrestricted gifts. For 1947 this deficit was $243,943.

Salaries and Wages	$3,084,167
Supplies	1,927,926
	$5,012,093
Hospital Income	3,928,429
Operating Deficit	$1,083,664
Research Grants	
Special Funds	
Treasurer's Expense	333,860
Extraordinary Expense	
Extramural Expense	
	$1,417,524
From Treasurer	1,173,581
Net Deficit	$ 243,943

Insofar as possible all expenses chargeable to Research have been placed in a separate account and paid from funds donated to the hospital for this specific purpose. The hospital receives an overhead reimbursement.

Research Account for 1947

Salaries and Wages	$ 130,655
Supplies	$ 115,726
	$ 246,381

For 1948 it has been necessary to adjust salaries and wages to meet the increased cost of living which is affecting everybody. These increases are extremely modest but still total over $400,000 and represent all that the hospital can afford. Increased cost of supplies must, likewise, be anticipated. We must control this through economy of use.

To meet this increased operating cost more income will be needed. Part of this can be met by increasing rates in the hospital units. Consequently, Phillips House room rates were increased $4 per room on January 1, 1948, Baker Memorial room rates $2 per room on January 12, 1948, and General Hospital ward rates $2 per day on January 12, 1948. The Out-Patient admission rate was increased 50¢ on January 1, 1948.

The budget for 1948 is as follows:

Salaries and Wages	$3,475,000
Supplies and Equipment	1,962,000
Total	$5,437,000

Just what deficit will result cannot be foretold. We hope to keep it lower than 1947.

It is clear that the hospital must somehow achieve a balanced budget. The annual recurrence of an operating deficit must be overcome. All must practice every possible economy of operation. We can and must economize on heat, turn out lights when not needed, stop wasting water, save on supplies of all kinds, and eliminate food waste. Patients must receive all necessary medicines, dressings and proper care but here, too, economies can be practiced by the staff and nurses. If every one of the 2,000 employees makes a determined effort to economize many thousands of dollars can be saved.

Our salary and wage scale is modest but not unreasonably low. It truly represents the maximum that the hospital can afford this year.

The Trustees and the Directors wish to express their appreciation for the conscientious services of all during the past year and their expectation that the same spirit of service will animate everyone during the coming year.

N. W. Faxon, M.D.,
Director.

PHYSICAL THERAPY

written by Mary E. Nesbitt

Physical Therapy Oh!? What can that be
Just look at the pictures and you will see
If by some really cruel fate
Your present problem is one of gait,
The doctor will say: "Go to P.T. today."

The girls there will show you the proper way
To walk on the level, upstairs and down
And you'll come away with a smile, not a frown.
Perhaps you have a broken leg or an arm
Exercise under water works like a charm
The heat makes you happy, removes each painful quirk
And soon each joint will be ready for work.

You may have a blemish on your face which is bad
If the doctor thinks best and ultraviolet you have had
Your mirror and friends will comment with glee
And rejoice with you at what they all see.

When aches here and there disturb your night's sleep
The doctors may feel that you need some deep heat
Diathermy then the P.T. can employ
And again peaceful sleep you may enjoy.

Nerve injuries are very difficult at best
But after Dr. Watkins has done an electrical test
By electrical stimulation muscle tone is maintained
Till the nerve repairs and muscle power is regained.
From this little jingle and the pictures about
We hope we have cleared up some of the doubt
As to what we all do up there in P.T.

Physical Therapy (Ah! That's what it can be.)

Ultra violet treatment for skin conditions

Hubbard Tub for underwater exercises for patients with poliomyelitis and arthritis

Short wave diathermy for painful shoulders

William Barroll

Star Volunteer

Almost every member of the M. G. H. family will readily recognize the above photograph as that of "Bill" Barroll, the genial volunteer member of the Linen Control Department.

For nearly five years, Mr. Barroll has been unostentatiously going about his daily duties, clad in an immaculate white uniform on which is proudly displayed a Volunteer badge and two service emblems.

His service has been so notable that the WORLD has asked his permission to publish this article.

William Barroll was born at Chestnut Hill in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, on April 21, 1905, received his early education in the schools of his native city, and later graduated from the well-known Pomfret School in Pomfret, Connecticut. He has travelled extensively at home and abroad, and has always given generously of his time in the service of his fellow men.

He first came to this Hospital on January 19, 1943 as a volunteer assistant to the chef in White kitchen, transferring to the Linen Control a year later. In his nearly four years of devoted voluntary service, he has performed the amazing total of 8,571 hours' duty.

Being a great lover of little children, he also gave half of every Sunday and holiday to the Children's Hospital for nearly two years ending last February, a total of over 500 hours more.

We are unable to find any other man who has voluntarily served M. G. H. for an equal length of time. and such service as his is eloquent testimony of Mr. Barroll's love for suffering humanity in general and children in particular.

His kindness to many hospital employees is not generally known, and it is a pleasure to feel that we are all richer for having known and worked with such an amiable gentleman.

Would you like a Massachusetts General Hospital Council? The purpose of the Council would be to discuss hospital problems and policies and to develop a social and recreational program. It would be composed of representatives of the various departments.

Will you give us your ideas and suggestions? These may be placed in the Suggestion Boxes or left at the Personnel Office.

Personals

The engagement is announced of Eda Zimmerman, formerly secretary in Staff Clinic, to Robert Griffin who graduates in June from Boston University Medical School. The young couple are to be married May 31st.

Dietary News Notes

BIRTHS

—a son, Francis, to White Kitchen cook Frank Campanello and wife.

—a daughter, Barbara Jean, to Nurses' Cafeteria counterman John Harris and wife.

—Anne Sullivan of East Pay Cafeteria became a grandmother for the 15th time recently.

ENGAGEMENTS

—Theo Razwad, dietary cost clerk, has a beautiful diamond ring.

—Martha Carney, Nurses' Cafeteria, to Albert McSwain, formerly of dietary department.

—Johnson Carson, White Kitchen cook, announced the engagement on Christmas Eve of his daughter, Ethel, to Mr. Alfred Thomas of New Haven, Connecticut.

TRIPS

—Cora Coleman recently returned from her annual trip to San Diego, California.

—Gerald McBride, who worked in the dishrooms during vacations and after school for three years, was recently discharged from the Army. He served most of his time at an airfield in California.

Out-Patient Notes

The Out-Patient Department is pleased to announce the marriage of one of their popular young head nurses, Doris Larson, to Paul Youngholm. The wedding took place at 4:30 p.m. on Saturday, December 27th, in the Covenant Congregational Church in West Quincy.

Mrs. Youngholm was given in marriage by her father and was attended by her sister.

Children of the Hospital Personnel

George Stamatopolas — now aged 2— son of John and Marcelle Stamatopolas, both of whom are employed by the M. G. H. John is in the Maintenance Department and his wife is a new member of the Linen Control Department. During the day, young George is under the charge of his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. John Dossogne, recently arrived here from Belgium.

Dorothy Jane Davock, who will be 14 years old in June. Dorothy attends the Notre Dame Academy in Roxbury and also studies dancing. In the costume shown above she was taking part in a play given by the Elizabeth Peabody House. Eddie Davock, her proud father, who is in charge of the Food Store in the Dietary Department, is now taking an evening course at Boston University on Hotel Management.

News From Social Service

Miss Jean Barkin has recently become engaged to Mr. Morton Waldstein of Brookline, Mass. Miss Joan Pinanski entertained for Miss Barkin with a shower at her home on Buckminster Road in Brookline, recently.

Miss Eleanor Gallagher, who has been a caseworker in the Neurology Department, left us on January 1 to go to New York, where she will serve as a caseworker in the Rehabilitation Service of the Bellevue Hospital, under Dr. Howard Rusk.

TECHNICIAN:

Miss Andrey Dennison recently became engaged to Dr. Jape Taylor, Interne at Boston City Hospital. Miss Dennison is a technician for Dr. William Chapman.

SOUTH MEDICAL CLINIC:

All the members of the Skin and South Medical and Urology clinics held a party in honor of Miss Rena Sullivan, Clinic Executive, who is leaving the department, much to the regret of all who have worked with her for the past three years.

Phillips House Notes

Lunch time passes all too quickly for Mabel Wentzell, Hope Hooker, Nora Leahy, Ann Murphy, Sylvia Romano, Bridget Feeney and Helen Fischer who have such a good time daily at their table in West Pay Cafeteria.

Minna Elder, Gertrude DeBruyn and Agnes Redman making room at their table in West Pay Cafeteria for Arthur Irwin, Tommy Healey, George Cribbins and Charlie Wood.

Mr. Parks, John Daly, Bill Parker, and Joe Luke, Phillips House porters, enjoying a cigarette after lunch at West Pay Cafeteria.

Donald McKay — Phillips House Window Washer — studying Menu Board at West Pay Cafeteria.

Attorney George Gallagher from Chicago visited his mother, Mrs. Catherine Gallagher, of Phillips House Housekeeping Department, making her very happy at Christmas.

Edward Redman, Jr., of U. S. Navy, is home from Florida for the holidays visiting his mother, Mrs. Agnes Redman, Assistant Housekeeper at Phillips House.

Record Room News

Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Mansfield on their marriage which took place New Year's Day at The Chapel of the M. G. H.

The bride is the former Eileen B. Clifford of Reading.

Lots of luck and happiness to both of you.

Congratulations, Kay Maloney on your engagement to Michael McGreal.

Best wishes to Agnes Norton White on the arrival of her son Thomas Joseph White. Good luck, Mr. and Mrs. White and baby.

Odd Item

Something new at M. G. H. One of our young doctors has built himself a boat in his bedroom in the Moseley Building. It can be removed from the building without removing any walls.

Return to Personnel

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Time Clocks

The hospital is installing time clocks for the use of some of the departments. This is consistent with sound business practice, and not a reproach to the employees of the departments concerned. In the Out Patient Department a time clock has been in use several months with satisfaction to almost everyone, the only ones not to like it, if there are any such, would be those who would like to chisel a little on their time at the beginning and end of the day. We have had no complaints from them, however.

Using the clock is simple; you just take your card from the rack, insert it into the slot, remove it, and put it into another rack.

There is no intention of changing existing working practices. If you now report dressed for duty you will continue to register dressed for duty.

It would be impossible, obviously, for everyone to use the clock at the precise instant of — say — 7:30 a.m. This should cause no particular difficulty, as the minute or two it takes for a group of people to check in will work no hardship on anyone. We do not expect to be unreasonable about those who check in a minute or two late occasionally, but consistent late checking will be noticed.

Use of the clocks will have no bearing upon pay for overtime work, as this must be authorized in every instance. Department heads who have reason to excuse an employee early can write on the card so that no deduction will be made for such checking out ahead of usual time.

To summarize: We anticipate less work and more accuracy from the time clocks that we see in the handwritten time reports out of the notebooks we are using now, and believe the record of attendance will be more satisfactory to all concerned.

The Massachusetts General Hospital has launched a fund drive to raise by public subscription the $1,950,000 still needed for the construction of its new Research Building (foreground). The new edifice will be centrally located on the MGH grounds to put its laboratories in close proximity to the patients in its wards and private pavilions. Above the new structure in the picture is the top of the George Robert White Building of surgical wards. To the left is the dome of the Bulfinch Building housing medical wards and the psychiatric wards of the Hall-Mercer Hospital. To the right is the Baker Memorial Hospital for private patients of moderate means. Close by but not showing in the picture are the Burnham Memorial Hospital for Children, the Vincent Memorial Hospital, the private pavilions of the Phillips House, the Collis P. Huntington laboratories of the Harvard Cancer Commission and the Massachusetts Eye and Ear Infirmary which is affiliated with the Massachusetts General. Several floors of the Huntington laboratories will connect directly into the new Research Building, which, among other units, will include additional new Huntington Cancer laboratories.

An Ounce of Prevention

What does an accident mean to you? First of all it causes pain and suffering. This is unpleasant. Then, most men and women have pride not only in the perfection of their work but in the amount accomplished. An accident may keep them from this work and also throw an extra burden upon a fellow worker. Finally, when time is lost, in many cases there are no wages. Those whom the State includes under the Workman's Compensation Law with certain conditions get no pay at all. At best, they receive only two-thirds of their average pay. The worker and the family suffer financially. Accidents do not pay.

Do you realize that unless greater care is taken during 1949 than in 1948, as you go to and from your work each day at least one of you is going to have an accident outside the Hospital? Do you know that daily while at work in all probability two of you will have some sort of accident and that weekly one or more of you will be so seriously injured that you will lose time from your work?

You who are in the kitchens may burn yourselves with hot liquids or steam or you may cut yourselves with a knife or a piece of glass. You in the laboratories may burn your hands or injure your eyes with acid. You who are lifting cases of milk or other merchandise, orderlies and nurses lifting patients may develop back strains or possibly hernias. Some of you chipping cement on floors or walls may get a chip in your eye. You who work on unguarded ladders may fall and break a wrist or a rib. Some one may trip over an obstacle, possibly only a piece of cord or slip on a waxed floor resulting in a sprained ankle or even a broken hip.

How can accidents be avoided? Well, you can be constantly alert. When working about a sterilizer keep away from the hot steam. If the floor gets wet, dry it. If you are working with a knife, keep it sharp and see that it does not slip. As you go through a door, do so carefully both for yourself and the person who may be on the other side. Wear the kind of shoe that not only gives comfort but that gives a safe balance to your body and watch where you place your feet. Wear goggles to protect the eyes when necessary. Never work on an unguarded ladder! If you are lifting, learn the knack of doing this without undue strain to your body. As you go about the Hospital be alert to things that may cause injury to your fellow worker as well as yourself and offer suggestion for safety when the need is evident.

Accidents in the Hospital can be greatly reduced with your active cooperation. This will benefit you, your fellow worker, and your family. Throw yourselves whole-heartedly into the prevention of accidents. An ounce of prevention is worth a pound of cure.

New Research Building To Carry on M.G.H. Tradition

"The Massachusetts General Hospital is so well known and its reputation so well established on a world-wide basis, that it hardly requires elaboration—" says an editorial in the Boston Herald in commenting on the campaign for funds with which to build a new research building. It goes on to point out that it was at this institution that the world first learned how to use ether as a surgical anesthetic; that here the first x-ray tube in the United States was used; appendicitis was first recognized at M.G.H. and a technique developed for its surgical treatment; pioneer development for surgical relief of chronic heart trouble and high blood pressure—and so on.

It has been clearly established that the best care of the sick is always given in institutions where there is a simultaneous interest in teaching and research. As Dr. Mallory says: "The care of patients, teaching and research are a triad completely fused together, and if any one of the three languishes, the others do likewise".

The emphasis of health expenditures is laid increasingly on research leading to the eradication or control of the diseases that crowd hospital facilities rather than on doling out "medical care". Medical science has already proved what a dent it can make in the mortality rate resulting from once fatal ailments. M.G.H. is in a preferred position to make the most of every research dollar, and a dollar for research is a dollar toward fewer sick.

Devoted Volunteer

William Barroll, Massachusetts General Hospital's most devoted volunteer, has given a total of 10,146 hours service as of January 8th, 1949.

Notice of Special Opportunity

There is an opportunity for adults to have their teeth cleaned at the Forsyth School for Dental Hygienists.

This work will be carefully and skillfully done by dental hygienists who have had special training in this type of work.

Any person wishing to make an appointment for this free service may call KE 6-9054 between the hours of 9 and 3.

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Dietary

[redacted] Hospital was saddened by the sudden death of Richard Jalson, Boston College freshman, who worked part-time in the Nurses' Cafeteria.

The Plain Member

Douglas Malloch

I like the little fellows who don't count
for very much;
It isn't from the 'cellos that you get
the finer touch;
The roaring of the basses and the rattle of the traps
May have their proper places in the
harmony perhaps;
But down there in the middle, inconspicuously there,
Is the little second fiddle that is carrying the air.

The crashing of the cymbals shakes
the ceiling with its "Blam;"
The piccolo is nimble: "Boom!" you
hear the drummer slam;
The trombone slides and screeches:
"Tut, tut, tut," the proud cornet
Just a little higher reaches than it's
ever tutted yet;
The Main High Diddle Diddle runs his
fingers through his hair—
But the little second fiddle still is
carrying the air.

We talk about the bosses with the
big and busy brain
Making profits, taking losses—but the
boss would boss in vain
If he didn't have assistance, some one
handy he could trust,
He would never go the distance and
the company would bust.
Here's the secret of the riddle for success everywhere—
There's some little second fiddle that
is carrying the air.

Phillips House Housekeeping

We have several new grandmothers since we last went to press; namely, Mrs. Helen Kaminski, Mrs. Bridget Feeney, Mrs. Anna Merlin, and Mrs. Mary Campano. We welcome these new citizens.

An Xmas Party was enjoyed by all P. H. employees who received a gift presented by Mr. and Mrs. Santa Claus, played by Mrs. Alice Welch and William Parker. Miss Stevens came in for a while, adding to our Christmas happiness. Everyone joined in singing Christmas Carols with Joe Stack, P. H. elevator operator, as leader. Refreshments were served.

Mr. Parks had his family down from Rhode Island for the holidays. Catherine Gallagher was all smiles because her son, George, of Chicago, was with her. Alice Welch has gained another daughter, her son, James, bringing her home with him. Joe LaPierre came home from school during the holidays, to the delight of his mother, Mrs. Patricia LaPierre.

The best way to criticize the other fellow's work is to do your work better.

Dr. Charles L. Clay, 1st Assistant Director of Massachusetts General Hospital.

Dr. C. L. Clay First Asst. Director

Dr. Charles L. Clay is our new First Assistant Director.

Dr. Clay came to us from Jackson Memorial Hospital in Miami, Florida in 1944 as an Assistant Director. He was in charge of the Baker Memorial during 1946 and 1947. He then returned to the General.

Dr. Clay has endeared himself to all of us. And from all of us, congratulations, Dr. Clay, and the best of everything in years to come.

Dr. W. T. Sherman Thorndike, new head of Germantown Dispensary and Hospital, Germantown, Philadelphia.

New Post for Dr. Thorndike

On January 1, 1949, Dr. W. T. Sherman Thorndike, our First Assistant Director, left the MGH to become Director of the Germantown Dispensary and Hospital, Germantown, Philadelphia.

Dr. Thorndike had been connected with the MGH since 1918, as Interne, Resident, Staff Member and Assistant Director. He served with the 6th General Hospital as a Lieutenant Colonel during World War II, and returned to duty at the MGH on December 1, 1945. He was promoted to First Assistant Director on January 1, 1946.

We all miss Dr. Thorndike. [redacted]ermantown's gain is our loss.

How About Recreation

Here and there and round-about [redacted] hear these questions? "Why don't we plan a dance? What about a Bridge? We enjoyed the Christmas Carols, so why not do some more things?" And others says: "Let us charge enough so that we can establish a fund to help with the building program."

Well, why not?

If you are interested, will you put a check mark in the box next to the festivity you would like to see planned. We need to know the number of people to consider when the plans are made. Let us have any comments, too.

*Dance	☐
Bridge Evening	☐
Skating Evening	☐
Skiing Weekend with the Hostlers	☐

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*And, does anyone know of an orchestra which will not be prohibitively expensive?

Guests at the Employees' Tea given to the Ladies' Visiting Committee, left to right: Mr. T. Parker Clarke, Miss Ruth Sleeper, Mrs. David Arnold and Dr. N. W. Faxon. Seated at the table is Mrs. Delphine Devoe. This event marked the formal opening of the rest rooms for women employees, which were decorated through the generosity of the Ladies' Visiting Committee.

Gertrude Devine, after many years in the Secretaries' Office, is now secretary for Dr. Joseph Lichty, Assistant Director in charge of Out-Patient.

Secretary's Office

"Where is Miss Devine?" Many times since December has this question been asked. By Internes, Residents, Staff Members and others.

For after many years of devoted service in the General Hospital Secretarys' Office, Gertrude Devine has moved to the OPD as Secretary to Dr. Lichty.

She is missed by all of us, but we all say, "Good Luck".

A new member of our Secretary's Office is Ann Leavitt, who is taking Gertrude Devine's place in the General Hospital Secretary's Office. And who in a short time has become one of us.

We all say, "Welcome".

Dietary Department Celebrates

A Christmas table at the Dietary Department party, left to right: Martha Carney, Annie Sullivan, Tony Puleio, Cora Coleman, Alice Eaton, Thelma Holden, Ida Higgins, Jennie Hayes.

Dietary Tidbits

Forty-two Christmas parties were served by the Dietary Department this year to as many different groups. This is a large amount of Christmas spirit and only a small fraction of the parties that helped celebrate Christmas throughout the hospital.

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The Dietary Department's own party was enjoyed by staff and personnel in West Pay Cafeteria. Harriet Thomas was our pianist again this year and Al Rivers, a newcomer, led the singing.

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Nurses' Cafeteria and the Salad Room (White Kitchen) made use of the Grab Bag method to exchange gifts and Christmas wishes and had some friendly fun at the same time.

Mrs. John Hanson, nee Elizabeth McCarthy, previous to her marriage a Dietitian in M.G.H., has a son, born on December first.

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Ann Powers of the Salad Room is back from what is reported to have been an enjoyable Mid-winter vacation.

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Ethel Shaw, West Pay, spent a brief vacation in Hartford, Connecticut, visiting her grandson who celebrated his first Christmas this year and who, it is reported, gives promise of being a "Doc Blanchard" of 1966 or thereabout.

Jennie Hayes (Nurses') has two reasons to consider December 25 an important day. It is Christmas and it is her Birthday. This year she celebrated at her home.

Record Room News

Miss Charlotta Ann Osborn, daughter of Mrs. Alice Osborn, Record Room Clerk, became the bride of Mr. William Michalek of New York, on October fourth. The ceremony was performed in the Presbyterian church in Elmont, Long Island. Mrs. Michalek, a former Wave, is now a radio technician in Rockefeller Center.

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Two former record Room employees have recently joined the Armed Forces. Miss "Connie" Fay left October first for Camp Lee, Virginia, Army Training Center; she is now in the Medical Corps. Miss Virginia Rogers, OPD admitting clerk, enlisted in the Navy, and left for New York on December twenty-third; she hopes to be stationed at Great Lakes. Our best wishes go with these girls.

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Mr. and Mrs. James Reardon (Gladys Donlon), are the parents of a baby daughter born on July 19, 1948. Mrs. Reardon was formerly in charge of the Copy department.

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Miss Mary Essex Osborn, former, Wave, the daughter of Mrs. Alice Osborn of the Record department, will be married in July to Mr. Peter Lehner of Hingham, Mass. Miss Osborn will graduate from Boston University in May.

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Mr. and Mrs. John Moody (Dorothy Taylor) are the proud parents of a son born in June. Dorothy worked in the Doctor's Reading Room.

Bigger things are sometimes easier to do than smaller things, and encounter less competition.

A sturdy little son was born on December 14 to Mr. and Mrs. John Henry Harris. John Jr. has two sisters.

M. G. H. Secretary Christmas Bride

Mrs. Ben Davies, nee Miss Evelyn Gould formerly floor secretary at Phillips House (Photograph by Bradford Bachrach).

White calla lilies were on the altar of the Church of the Advent, Thursday, December twenty-third, when Miss Evelyn Gould, daughter of Mrs. Marvin Gould and the late Dr. Gould, was married to Mr. Ben Davies of California. It was a simple wedding with Miss Gould's cousin, Mrs. Henry Dallas, of Washington, and Mr. Wendall Keith, of Worcester, as attendants.

The bride was very lovely in an ivory satin off-the-shoulder gown, with tulle veil; with it she wore an antique (gold) pendent studded with emeralds and pearls, and carried a gold rosary case with a single white rose.

The officiating clergymen were the Rev. Daniel Magruder and the Rev. Whitney Hale.

After the ceremony, a delightful reception was held at Hampshire House where the holiday spirit prevailed.

After a wedding trip to Washington, California and Mexico, Mr. and Mrs. Davies will make their home in Las Fatos, California.

For five years, following her graduation from Junior College, Buena Vista, Virginia, and the Chalif School of Dancing, New York, Mrs. Davies was a medical secretary at Phillips House.

Mr. Davies was graduated from Washington University, in Seattle. During the war he served as Lieutenant on an aircraft carrier in the Pacific area.

M.G.H. Glee Club

M.G.H. Glee Club of 1948 which sang Carols on the wards and serenaded the patients from out of doors during Christmas week.

Back Row: James Shaw, Steve Bell, John D'Ovidio, Gilbert Moss, Henry Murphy, Hugh W. Heney, Salvatore Ippolito. Second Row: Fred Dansingburg, Evelyn Dalton, Mary L. Stephenson, Ann Williams, Anna McLaughlin, Louise Hatch, Harriet Dillard, Ruth Strater, Sampson Duff. First Row: Jean Vining, Helen Vining, Dorothy Sybert, Anne Leavitt. Standing: Miss Eleanor Greenwood, leader.

Christmas Carols

The Massachusetts General Hospital Glee Club under the direction of Miss Eleanor Greenwood sang Christmas carols in the form of a serenade outside the hospital buildings, on the evening of December 16, 1948. The patients of the Bulfinch Building, the White Building, the Vincent-Burnham, the Baker Memorial, and the Phillips House enjoyed the following program:

Oh, Come All Ye Faithful
Joy to the World
Away in a Manger
It Came upon a Midnight Clear
Deck the Hall
Oh, Litte Town of Bethlehem
Hark, The Herald Angels Sing
Silent Night

An similar program was enjoyed by the patients of Wards 6 and 7 in the White Building and childrens wards in Burnham on the afternoon of December 15. Familiar carols were sung by the Glee Club under the direction of Miss Greenwood.

Work and Diversion for Children's Cardiac Clinic

Children's Cardiac Display in Brick Corridor. More than 6,000 articles were produced last year by these young people.

The Cardiac Workshop is located in the Out Patient basement under what used to be Ward G. It is sort of a laboratory where ideas are worked out—and work supplied for patients both in their home and in the Shop. Some of the work is diversional and is used to keep the patients happy and contented while convalescing at home. For others it provides work which gives them an opportunity to earn money. When the patient works and what he does is controlled by the doctor who refers him to the Department.

The work in the home is carried on by Volunteers, one of whom has been with us seventeen years. She is Miss Alice Ropes who can do everything in the craft line and who has brought much happiness to many of our patients. Work in both home and shop is supervised by the Worker. Miss Ruth Walden has volunteered in the Shop for almost nine years. She helps with preparation of work, takes work to patients and does many errands.

The Shop project which has been most popular is the small plaster pin about which many of you know. It has acted as a good will messenger among people not only in practically every state in the United States but in England, South Africa, India and South America. Most of our customers come from agencies similar to our own, while others come from colleges, schools of various kinds, and church organizations. They have all taken a great interest in our patients who do the painting and make the pins. Even though orders are not always filled promptly, our customers never complain and are always considerate of the patients.

Many interesting stories could be told about this project and what it has meant in terms of happiness and security for the patient. One young man who is very closely confined to his home says he always used to be watching the clock, but now he never has time—the days pass all too quickly. All patients feel very proud when they can contribute to the family budget.

One of our former workers graduated from the Massachusetts School of Art this year and another from the Vesper George School. One has been training in the jewelry trade. Five have married while others are working or in school.

The small figurines in the above photograph show our newest project and are almost as popular as the plaster pin.

The rubber molds are made in the shop and from the time the plaster is poured into them, taken out, dried, trimmed, painted, lacquered and mailed or sold to customers coming into the shop, quite a little time is consumed. This does not include the daily trips to and from the Shop to the homes of those doing the work.

Much of the work n the Shop is supervised by Mary Ferrante, one of our patients. She has shown much initiative in planning the work and carrying out new ideas.

Forty odd patients have worked on these two projects and have produced more than 6,000 articles last year. It has given many happy hours to those who have taken part and a real feeling of security and satisfaction.

After you have read this short story of our work, won't you come over and visit the shop? We would be glad to tell you more about the Children's Cardiac Clinic Workshop.

Lorena Love, O.T.R.

Out Patient Department News

There will be a bouquet of orange blossoms in May for Miss Rhona Isaacson and Dr. Melvin I. Shoul. Miss Isaacson is in Orthopedic Social Service, graduate of Bates College and Boston University School of Social Service. Dr. Shoul is at present interning in the first surgical service of the Boston City Hospital.

Dr. Robert Griesemer is saying "IT" with hearts and flowers to Miss Wenonah Marble. Miss Marble, the daughter of Mrs. Lawrence Marble of Boston, is a graduate of the M.G.H. School of Nursing. Dr. Griesemer, a dermatological resident, is a graduate of Bucknell University and Harvard Medical School. The wedding is to take place in Trinity Church, Boston, on January 29.

O.P.D. Secretary, Gwendolyn Greene is seriously holding hands with Mr. Walter Rynkiewicz. Miss Greene is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Harold Greene. She is at present a student of Burdett Evening School. Mr. Rynkiewicz is the son of Mr. and Mrs. William Lelecky. Walter served four years with the Army.

Romance again hits the Social Service Department in the person of Joan Pinanski. She of the Mona Lisa smile, is engaged to Dr. Lawrence Morse who is in the practice of Pediatrics in Boston. He returned to the care of babies after four years with the infantry in the Alaska and Pacific Theatre of War.

A party was held on December 16 for Miss Clark, assistant head nurse in the Eye Clinic for the past 1½ years. Miss Clark is leaving for Long Island Beach, California. In the spring she plans to head for Albuquerque, New Mexico.

Baker Memorial Hospital Aides

Some of our Baker Memorial Hospital Aides have left us to continue their educational program. These include: Mrs. Opal Lee Hill and Miss Mary Fagan who will attend schools of Nursing.

Mrs. Mildred Sequiera left to join her husband in Florida.

Miss Anna Fici resigned to continue her education.

Miss Josephine Thompson was given a leave of absence to visit her family in Virginia, and Miss Catherine Duvall was given a leave of absence to visit her family in Baltimore, Maryland.

Record Room News

Mrs. William Mutchler the former "Peggy Riley", a clerk in the record room was married on Sept. 6, 1948 on her 21st birthday. "Peggy" was married in white and made a lovely bride. Her sister "Kay" also a clerk in the record room was her Maid of Honor. The couple went to Canada on their honeymoon. They are living with her family in Roslindale.

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Mrs. Michael McGreal, the former "Kay" Maloney was married on Aug. 21st, 1948. She is now living in Massillon, Ohio. "Kay" worked in the Baker Record Room and was home for Christmas, looking her very best, and homesick for Boston.

A delightful "Open-House" Christmas Party, sponsored by the Transcription Room and presided over by Mrs. Rose Brooks, a gracious hostess, was given on Dec. 24, 1948. Many compliments were given on the delicious home-made jam made by Sophie Azarowicz. All that attended agreed that the party was a lot of fun.

Nursing Dept. Christmas Party

On the evening of December 16th a Christmas Party, sponsored by the Hospital Nursing Faculty was given in the East Pay Cafeteria, for Massachusetts General Hospital Employees.

The entire program was well planned by the several committees, and proved very successful. The Entertainment Committee provided several solos, both vocal and instrumental, which were especially well received. There was also tap and ballet dancing, and an impressions act.

The Master of Ceremonies was Mr. William Hines, who checked the program efficiently, and also did his share of entertaining with his amusing jokes and gaudy attire.

After Santa Claus had dispensed his gifts to everyone present, refreshments were served. A pleasant evening was enjoyed by all the guests.

I never did anything worth doing by accident, nor did any of my inventions come by accident; they came by work.—Thomas A. Edison.

Paying attention to the simple little things that most men disregard as unimportant is what makes some men rich.—Henry Ford.

It would be an unspeakable advantage both to the public and private, if men would consider the great truth, that no man is wise or safe, but he that is honest.—Raleigh.

The man who loves home best, and loves it most unselfishly, loves his country best.—John G. Holland.

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Dance for Research Building Fund

On Thursday evening, March 17th, the MGH employees will give a St. Patrick's Day Dance for the benefit of the Research Building Fund. This is the first time in the history of the Hospital that such a dance has been sponsored by MGH employees. Mrs. Evelyn Dalton is chairman of this social event.

Our Pharmacy's Lou Jeffrey and his orchestra will provide the rhythm, and an excellent committee under the leadership of Jean Vining of the Nursing Department, the refreshments.

The dance will be held in the Moseley Rotunda. Tickets are $1.00 tax included. Get yours early.

The rest of the Committee is as follows:

Roscoe Adams, Housekeeping
Rose Brooks, Record Room
Marie Sampson, Nursing Department
Evelyn Dalton, Secretaries
Viola DiFronzo, Nursing Department
Hu[illegible]enney, Nursing Department
Har[illegible]Hopkins, Dietary
Garfield Innis, Nursing Department
Homer McCloskey, Nursing Department
Lois McCoy, Personnel
Helen Vining, Nursing Department
Jean Vining, Nursing Department

The Suggestion Box

The editorial staff of the M. G. H. World is faced with a serious problem. This problem is to please you, the readers. We realize that the success of any magazine depends upon presenting the material its readers want. We realize too, that this is a difficult task and that it can only be accomplished with your assistance.

Therefore, to make this possible (that is having you help the staff individually) we shall put in use "Suggestion Boxes" in various parts of the hospital for your convenience. Our purpose is this; we want to know what you would like to see in your magazine. By putting your ideas on paper and inserting them in these "Suggestion Boxes", which will be available soon, this will be possible. Our goal is to please you, to give you what you want.

At present we have two "Suggestion Boxes". One is located at the coat room in the OPD and the other is in the Moseley Building in front of the coat room below the bulletin board.

Thus readers, if you have a suggestion, drop it in the box won't you please? We'll appreciate it so very much.

Mr. Louis A. Post, Publicity Representative of the Greater Boston Community Fund, presenting the Award of Excellence given to the Staff and employees of the Massachusetts General Hospital to Dr. Charles L. Clay, Chairman of the Campaign for the Hospital, with his assistant, Mr. Edmund R. Mattos looking on.

New Sick Leave Benefits—Continuous Service Reaps Reward

On February 21st, Dr. Faxon announced the following new sick leave benefits.

1. Any employee who has been continuously employed for less than six months will not be entitled to sick leave benefits except in those cases where such employees were ordered by the Staff Clinic to cease work for the protection of the Hospital.

2. Employees with a continuous employment record of six months to two years are entitled to sick leave with full pay equal to one week per year of employment, based on the standard hours of the work week for the employee.

3. Employees with a continuous employment record of two years or more will be allowed sick leave benefits with full pay as follows:

a. Two to three years, one and two-fifths (1-2/5) work weeks.

b. Three to four years, one and four-fifths (1-4/5) work weeks.

c. Over four years, 2 work weeks (whatever the length of the work week has been the practice of the employee).

4. Salaried employees who are not paid for overtime work will be allowed longer periods of fully paid sickness benefits at the discretion of the Department Head and with the approval of an Assistant Director or Director, provided that such employees have been continuously employed for six months or more.

A work week is the number of working hours established for any particular job.

5. Non-salaried employees with more than ten years of satisfactory and loyal service may be given longer periods of paid sick leave, under special circumstances, on the recommendation of the Department Head and with the approval of the Director.

6. The following regulations are in force in approving various categories of sick leave:

a. Responsibility for the administration of the Sick Leave Policy rests with Department Heads.

b. When employees are asked to cease work because of illness, sick leave should be approved by Staff Clinic.

c. Employees who become ill outside of working hours will be paid for their sick leave only after approval of their Department Heads.

d. Approval for payment of sick leave must be reported by the Department Head to the Payroll Department on a special form for this purpose.

7. Any employee found to be willfully abusing the privilege of absence through sickness may be discharged from employment after due investigation.

8. Any employee who is absent through illness should arrange to have his supervisor notified as soon as possible. Those who fail to convey information about the reasons for absence for more than three days may be discharged from employment.

Sickness leave benefits will not be cumulative from year to year, and they cannot be added to the vacation period for vacation purposes of an employee of the Hospital.

This recognition, by the hospital, of long service is a step appreciated by the MGH employees.

Out-of-State Drivers

Inspector Frank J. Ryan of the Massachusetts Motor Vehicle Department wishes to remind all out-of-state people who drive in Massachusetts habitually to have bodily injury liability insurance equal to that which is compulsory for Massachusetts cars. This insurance is $5,000 for each person and $10,000 for each accident. This requirement includes people who drive in to work from out of the state.

Not A New Law

All out-of-state cars which habitually enter Massachusetts or have been in this state for 30 days and do not carry the proper insurance may have their right to drive in this state suspended or revoked if they do not comply with the insurance regulations. This is not a new law but one which has been on the state law books for some years.

March 15—Last day to file your Federal Income Tax and your Declaration of Estimated Tax for 1949.

Red Feather Goal Reached 100%

An Award of Excellence from the Greater Boston Community Fund was presented to the Staff and employees of the Massachusetts General Hospital early this month for outstanding effort and achievement in the 1949 campaign. In achieving their goal of $12,000 the 2,000 employees, including doctors, nurses and volunteers, have demonstrated this year, as before, their genuine desire to help, motivated by a greater awareness of human suffering and of the general needs of the community. This accomplishment, in spite of the overall failure throughout Greater Boston to attain more than 88% of the total goal of $6,950,000, is a tribute to the great community interest of the Chairman, Dr. Charles L. Clay, and of all who participated so generously. Congratulations!

Safety Rule

A MINUTE SAVED

At The Price Of An Accident IS NO BARGAIN!

The Life You Save MAY BE YOUR OWN!

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Corridor Comment

Got anything you want to tell us? Anything you want to know? Starting with next month's issue, this space in THE WORLD is yours. For your letters, your questions, your comments. We want 'em all. Write to us.

The MGH WORLD
Personnel Office

X-Ray Activity

Among those fortunate enough to be in Washington for the Inauguration festivities was Miss Katherine Galvin of the X-Ray Department. Beside enjoying the Parade, she had the pleasure of attending the Ball, and meeting President Truman. Another interesting event was attendance at the treason trial of "Axis Sally".

Also doing a bit of winter travelling was Miss Helena McCarten, who spent a pleasant week-end in New York.

MY FLOWER BED

I have a little flower bed
That I tend with loving care,
And when I feel discouraged
You'll always find me there.

They somehow seem so friendly
Growing there so sweet and grand,
That when I tell my troubles
They seem to understand.

They whisper with a fragrance
That has spiritual appeal,
I somehow know they mean it
For my peace of mind is real.

So I leave with you this little thought
I am sure you'll understand
That one of God's greatest gifts
Are flowers, given man.

Andrew J. Fish
Print Shop

Phillips House News

A wedding is to be reported taking place between one of our girls, Alice Harker, and Richard Holden. Best of Luck to them.

We hope to see Eddie Soucy back on duty soon after having kept his chin up so courageously after his operation in December.

Seemed like old times to have Arthur Leger of Phillips House O. R. to dine at our table the other day. We don't see much of him since he went on night duty.

Baker Memorial Hospital Aides

The engagement of Miss Joyce Eleanor Dumas, Hospital Aide on Baker 10, to Mr. James Sardina, of Boston, has been announced recently. She is a graduate of Presque Isle High School in Maine, and Mr. Sardina is a graduate of Boston Trade School. The wedding will take place on February 27, 1949—we all are wishing her much happiness.

Welcome Back

Long association with M. G. H. seems, so often, to inspire a wish to continue again, even after an absence. This seems especially true regarding Mr. Crockett's secretary, Miss Anne Gilbert. For four years she worked in various capacities, in the "General", resigning to serve for over three years as an officer in the Navy. Last autumn she resumed her duties in the publicity office in Phillips House.

Many people will remember her sister, Patricia, who so cheerfully served at the Front Desk, for a number of years, before doing over-seas Red Cross work. Later she married an M. G. H. resident, Dr. Philip Pillsbury. They now live in San Francisco, and have recently added a fine son to their young family.

Record Room News

Carolyn Caban, Joan Furlong and Dolly Weygand have been added to the Record Room staff. Dolly used to help us out in the past but had to return to school. She is with us once again, this time on a permanent basis and we are mighty glad to have her return to us.

Ever try making chocolate macaroons?

1 can condensed milk
2 pkgs. of shredded cocoanut
2 squares unsweetened chocolate.

Melt chocolate and add to condensed milk. Blend well. Stir in cocoanut. Drop by ½ teaspoonsful on ungreased cookie sheet. Bake in moderate oven until firm (about 15 minutes). Remove from pan at once.

Volunteer Department

Do you know that 563 Volunteers gave 48,337 hours to the M.G.H. during 1948?

We are proud of this achievement!

Our thanks go to the department heads and their staffs for the appreciation they have shown to the Volunteers and to us.

Dietary Tidbits

There was a Graduation Supper at Herrick House on February 8th. Dr. and Mrs. Faxon and Miss Sleeper were guests.

The occasion was the graduation of Dietetic Interns Martha Jones, Helen Weppler and Ruth Stein.

Miss Jones and Miss Weppler returned to their homes in Detroit and St. Louis respectively, but Miss Stein has remained at the Hospital to finish her course before becoming a member of the Baker Memorial Dietary Staff.

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William Rowe, of the White Kitchen Truckroom, was initiated into the Order of proud young Grandfathers early this month when his daughter, Dolores, became mother of her first child, a son, Stephan.

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Mrs. Grace Virella, Nurses' Cafeteria, has a little extra smile in her eyes since she is again a grandmother. Her daughter Doris' third little girl arrived on February 8th.

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Miss Rose Coronella whose friendly smile you have missed in the East Pay Cafeteria is now a student nurse at St. Elizabeth's Hospital. She received her cap in a special ceremony this January. Congratulations Rose!

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Student Dietitians Carmella Clemente and Phoebe Ann Fowler have recently returned from a vacation in Stowe, Vermont, with all the glow and sparkle that a tip-top vacation could create. There was skiing n'everything.

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Miss Carlene Millican has joined our Staff of Dietitians and is working in Vincent Burnham.

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Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Becker have recently announced the engagement of their daughter, Gladys, to Robert Cameron Whitney.

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Margaret Butler, at one time a member of the Dietary group, was married in January to Francis P. Fox and is living in Roslindale. Her brother, John Butler, is the well-known "Red" in White Kitchen.

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We welcome another new member to our Staff of Dietitians, Miss Marion Tolman in the East Pay Cafeteria.

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Miss Virginia Porter of the White Diet Kitchen was recently married. Her name is now Mrs. Wendall Palmer.

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Have you any idea how many potatoes our hospital family uses in a year? Just ask Joe Friedman, Ludwig Schwab and Paul Zarnowski in White Kitchen or Peter Anastos, Joe DiSimone and Bill Lewis in Baker Kitchen. They can tell you that the combined hospital used 323,436 pounds in 1948. That is approximately one million potatoes.

Horse Sense

A horse can't pull while kicking
This fact I merely mention.
And he can't kick while pulling
Which is my chief contention.

Let's imitate the good old horse
And lead a life that's fitting:
Just pull an honest load, and then
There'll be no time for kicking.

—Unknown

Clinton Ellsworth Farnham

Almost every member of the M.G.H. "family" has seen Mr. Clinton E. Farnham (lovingly called "Clint" by his close friends) going about the Hospital in the daily performance of his duty as the Workmen's Compensation Agent of M. G. H.

It was a great shock to many to learn of his sudden death from a heart attack on the morning of January 7, soon after he arrived in his office which adjoins the M. G. H. Post Office.

Mr. Farnham became Purchasing Agent here in the Spring of 1943, but a severe heart attack six months later caused his physician, Dr. Paul D. White, to suggest less arduous responsibility. He then became the Hospital's first Compensation Agent, a job which he performed with notable success.

He was born May 12, 1888, in Westfield, Massachusetts, graduating from its High School with highest honors. At Yale he was a classmate of Rt. Rev. Bishop Henry K. Sherrill, until recently chairman of the M. G. H. Board of Trustees. Again demonstrating great scholastic ability, he became a member of Beta Theta Pi, and in his junior year was elected to Phi Beta Kappa. He took his A.B. degree in 1911, and in 1917, Columbia University gave him the degree of Master in School Administration.

From 1911 to 1923, he was in school administration work which latterly included the principalship of Winchester High School. He resigned to enter the more lucrative field of the securities business.

In January of 1942, he was called to Washington for War duty in the U. S. Treasury Department, and came to M. G. H. when that work ended in 1943.

Clinton Farnham was civic-minded and had served on various Winchester Boards and committees with success as well as pleasure.

Surviving him in Winchester are Mrs. Farnham; his daughter, Mrs. Lewis; and a young granddaughter Gratia Farnham Lewis. His only other survivor is a brother Albert, living in Roanoke, Virginia.

The largely attended funeral services were conducted by Rev. Dr. Howard J. Chidley, Pastor, in the Winchester First Congregational Church on Sunday afternoon, January 9, the Hospital being represented by Dr. and Mrs. N. W. Faxon and sixteen other members of the M. G. H. family. Burial was in Westfield, Massachusetts.

Patient Care, Teaching and Research are the Three Keynotes of Hospital Service

Staff Clinic treated 17,907 *cases last year. Here are Mrs. Horner, Nurse in charge of Clinic and Pat Gallagher, our popular butcher.*

Physical Examination of one of our younger patients.

Happiness therapy for children not too sick to play.

Patient care during Convalescent Period.

Eye treatment demonstrated before student nurses.

Eye Clinic in Out Patient Department.

KNOW YOUR NEIGHBORS

Miss Hernan

Miss Frances M. Hernan
chief accountant.

At the last meeting of our Editorial Board, a member observed that while we know our immediate neighbors and their work, we seldom have an opportunity to become acquainted with the rest of the Hospital at large. A suggestion was made that profiles of executives be written up and the duties of their departments outlined. Hence, this sketch of the Accounting Department. It comprises 52 members (30 women and 22 men) and is under the direction of Mr. E. R. Greenhood, Comptroller.

Miss Frances Hernan is the Chief Accountant, and is assisted by Mr. Harold Emrich, Accountant. Miss Margaret Porter heads the Pay Roll section, and Mr. Robert Burns is in charge of contracts and funds. Five disbursing cashier groups function throughout the various units of the Hospital under the immediate supervision of the following Cashiers:
Miss Louise Paolucci—Phillips House
Mrs. Helen Bleiler—Baker Memorial
Miss Doris Harrson — General Hosp.
Mrs. Olive Slauenwhite—Out-Patient
Mr. Frank Adams—Emergency Ward

The new Tabulating Department with its complete IBM installation is in the basement of Baker Memorial. It is supervised by Mr. John Sanderson.

Through these far flung channels flow all the operating financial transactions of the Hospital.

Miss Frances M. Hernan came to the Massachusetts General Hospital from the Old Colony Trust Company. At that time, she was their only woman Receiving Teller. She received invaluable credit training under the Bank's President and was selected to be given a $1200. Benjamin Franklin Banking & Accounting Course. While there, she served as President of the Girls' Club and Vice President of the Old Colony Trust Club.

Since assuming her duties as Chief Accountant, Miss Hernan has been elected a Director-at-Large of the American Association of Hospital Accountants, and a Vice President of the National Retail Credit Men's Association, Boston Chapter. She is the first woman elected Chairman of the International Consumer Credit Convention (Hospital and Professional Group) which meets this June in Boston. Her outside interests include Zonta International, the Society of Arts and Crafts, and the study and collection of antiques.

Miss Seymour

Who is Miss Seymour? What's her job? What's she like?

Well, now, pull up a chair, you really started something.

Professionally the young lady is known as the Medical Records Librarian of the MGH. She claims Philadelphia as her home town, attended the Maryland College for Women and graduated from the School for Medical Record Librarians, Graduate Hospital of the University of Pennsylvania. She served for 18 months with the Red Cross in Europe as a hospital staff aide and came to us soon after she was separated from Service. She is the 2nd Vice-president of the American Association of Medical Record Librarians, member of the Council on Education and Policy Committee of the American Association, Chairman of the Program Committee of the Mass. State Association and President of the Eastern Massachusetts Association of Medical Record Librarians.

Miss Seymour's job is trying to keep 70 females happy, and believe me that's a job and not a position. You try it sometime. And then, that is only part of it. She is responsible for some 650,000 medical records at the MGH, will tell you how many different types of diseases were treated, operations performed, admissions, discharged, deaths, etc., at a drop of a hat and when you wish to make a study of say 200 odd cases with a particular disease, she is the lady that can furnish the records within 24 hours. Remarkable?—you bet.

Miss E. Louise Seymour
Medical Record Librarian

With her new ideas and plans, records and medical information have become more easily accessible from the practical point of view, and from our point of view it's been very nice to be able to come in in the morning and find your desk in exactly the same place you left it the night before and that it is still your desk. She has added color and hominess to the atmosphere, has separated the department into sections,—cataloguing room, copy section and transcription room (the filing room is still in its same place) and has achieved the wonder of wonders—put the warm girls in the cooler room and the cold girls into the warmer room.

But the part we like best about the lady is her friendliness, her ready wit and keen sense of humor (did you ever see her laugh—it's really quite a contagious one and makes you feel good just to be alive) and the way she has of making us feel she is just another one of the girls.

Yes, Miss Seymour has a hobby but I'll let her tell you what it is. A right fascinating one at that.

We hope we will be fortunate enough to have Miss Seymour with us for a very long time, or are we being very selfish.

"Busy, Miss Seymour?"

Up to her neck usually, but her ready answer is, "Never too busy to discuss your problem. Come on in and get it off your chest".

Tony Maggiotta,

Don't Quit

I

When things go wrong, as they sometimes will,
When the road you're trudging seems all uphill,
When funds are low and the debts are high,
And you want to smile, but you have to sigh,
When care is pressing you down a bit—
Rest if you must, but don't you quit.

II

Life is queer with its twists and turns,
As every one of us sometimes learns,
And many a fellow turns about
When he might have won had he stuck it out.
Don't give up though the pace seems slow—
You may succeed with another blow.

III

Often the goal is nearer than
It seems to a faint and faltering man;
Often the struggler has given up
When he might have captured the victor's cup;
And he learned too late when the night came down,
How close he was to the golden crown.

IV

Success is failure turned inside out—
The silver tint of the clouds of doubt,
And you never can tell how close you are,
It may be near when it seems afar;
So stick to the fight when you're hardest hit,—
It's when things seem worst that you mustn't quit.

The many friends of Miss Joan E. Dade, the popular secretary in the Housekeeping Department, take this opportuntiy to express their deep sympathy for her in the sudden death of her father on Sunday, February 13.

We all wish to extend our sympathy to Louise Dillion of the General Secretary's Office on the death of her father, Theodore Dillion, February 28th.

25 Years Service For Tony Maggiotta

When one has worked in the MGH for 25 years, it is interesting to hear just what he has done and seen in this time. We have, therefore, asked Tony Maggiotta to give us a brief resumé as a Foreman in the Maintenance Department.

"I first started working for the MGH on February 1st, 1924 at which time my position was Laborer Foreman in building construction. The late Mr. Alf C. Lootz was Superintendent of Maintenance at that time. Work commenced on the Bulfinch Building by remodeling the East Wing with addition of the North Wing. Later in 1925, the Ether Dome and West Wing were remodelled and another section added to the North Wing, which was partly built on the present Laundry Department. All of the Bulfinch Building basement was then remodelled—rooms were built, windows put in, etc., as they are at present. Later in 1927, the task of connecting the various buildings was given to us, for example, the connecting of the Eye and Ear Inf. and the OPD. New concrete floors were set in the OPD basement. All of this work was handled by the hospital laborers and no outside contractors were called upon. As the Baker Memorial building was contemplated, the job of clearing the space for this new building came, and this entailed the changing of waste pipes, etc. The present Path. Lab. was remodelled next, and then came the new floors for the Doctor's and Nurse's Cafeterias in the Eye & Ear Inf. and all the basement floors there. Gradually, we were given all of the general repair work all over the hospital buildings and the various Nurse's Homes connected with the hospital. In 1938, we had to so-call "clear the site" for the White Building, as was the case in the building of the Vincent Memorial.

"My present job now includes practically everything, as one would say—all of the moving of furniture, etc., deliveries to and from the hospital, snow removal, and the repairing throughout the hospital and its various homes.

"Credit should be given to the many men who have worked with me, not only for their length of service but for their ability and loyalness. They are: Ignazio Maggiotta who came in 1925; Guiseppe Canarozza who came in 1925 and Mike Blanco who came in 1932 and 18 others with varying lengths of service. Our men include the following skills: plaster, terrazzo, marble, cement, brick, linoleum, tile, and iron.

"To bring this story to a close, I would like to add one more incident which occurred on the morning of February 1st of this year when upon entering the Maintenance Dept. I happened to remark to Miss McIsaac, the secretary, that this was my twenty-fifth year at the hospital. She commented on how there should be a party, but of course this was taken very lightly, and neither took it seriously. About 4:00 P.M. that same day, I was called to the office, and there to my surprise, was a cake with twenty-five candles but titled "Happy Birthday". Needless to say, there was slight embarrassment over this error, but I soon cleared the situation by informing them February 1st was also my birthday. Dr. Faxon a few minutes later extended his best wishes and congratulations."

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Employees' Dance Clears $410 For Research Building

The Research Building Fund is $400 closer to its goal. And more than 300 hospital employees and their friends had a wonderful time making this possible.

A St. Patrick's Day Dance in a gayly decorated Moseley Rotunda was the first ever sponsored by the MGH employees.

Bedecked in green and white the Rotunda was a colorful setting for the dancers. Music was by Lou Jeffreys and his Orchestra. Punch and cookies were provided by the Dietary Department.

The dance was chaperoned by:

Dr. and Mrs. Faxon
Dr. and Mrs. Clay
Dr. and Mrs. Lichty
Miss Ruth Sleeper
Miss Edna Lepper
Miss Anna Crotty
Miss Anna Griffen
Miss Anna Viden
Miss E. Louise Seymour

Evelyn Dalton was chairman of the Dance Committee, assisted by:

Lois D. McCoy
Roscoe Adams
Rose Brooks
Marie Sampson
Viola DiFronzo
Hugh Heeney
Marion Frost
Harry Hopkins
Garfield Innis
Annabelle Shainker
Jean Vining
Helen Vining

On April 6 the Dance Committee presented the check to Dr. Faxon to be turned over to the Research Building Fund.

Coming Attraction

In an attempt to simplify the paper work required of the ward personnel, we are working on the revision of our forms and the introduction of the Addressograph unit. The first step in this project is an attempt to reduce the number of different forms which we are using. We have started with the requisitions for the Chemistry Laboratory, Baker Laboratory and the Bacteriology Laboratory. We are replacing ten forms with one. This new form will be a four part "snap out" form interleaved with one time carbon. The change will affect the Phillips House, Baker Memorial and General Hospital. By the use of this one form for the requisitioning, charging and reporting of a laboratory test, we hope to save time and eliminate errors.

Our tentative plan calls for one Addressograph unit at each ward clerk's desk. An Addressograph plate—bearing the patient's name, unit number, location and other vital information—is to be sent to the ward with the patient's record. Files for these plates will be placed on the wards and in one fell swoop, by inserting the correct plate in the Addressograph printer, all the identifying information necessary for the laboratory and bookkeeping can be applied to the new form.

The forms and machines should appear on the wards within the next few weeks. Give a little time and thought to the possibilities of this new system. If you can think of more or better uses for any part of it, please discuss your idea with one of the Assistant Directors or use the Suggestion Box.

The Suggestion Box

Don't forget the Suggestion Boxes. A prize of $10 was given to Irene Wilson of OPD this month for a good suggestion.

St. Patrick's Day Dance Aids Research Building

Presentation of the $400 check proceeds of the Employees' Dance left to right: Lou Jeffrey, Harry Hopkins, Viola DiFronzo, Marie Sampson, Evelyn Dalton, Jean Vining, Dr. Nathaniel W. Faxon, Helen Vining, Roscoe Adams, Hugh Heney, Garfield Innis, Lois D. McCoy.

Report for 1948

From Dr. Faxon

During 1948 a determined effort was made to decrease expenses and increase income, in order to remedy the truly alarming deficits of the preceding three years. I am happy to report that we were successful and the deficit was reduced to $53,000.

Salaries and Wages		$3,581,204.
Supplies and Expenses		2,189,273.
		$5,770,477.
Gross Earnings	$5,407,589.	
Less-Free Service	935,175.	
Bad Debts	249,841.	
Net Earnings	4,222,573.	
Other Income	616,779.	
Total Hospital Income	4,839,352.	4,839,352.
Operating Deficit		931,125.
From Treasurer		877,722.
Deficit		$ 53,353.

In addition $468,426 was used to support Research in the various hospital laboratories. Some of this was from Hospital Research Funds but most of it came from Special Grants.

For 1949 we will have to face another increase in budget allowances; fortunately not as great as last year. To meet it we will have to use the same measures as before, namely, an increase in rates to patients and the practice of economy and efficiency in operation.

We all must be true to our New England heritage and waste neither time nor material. Save heat, save light, save water, save everything that can be saved. Treat hospital equipment and supplies as though they were your own. If everyone of the 2,000 of us does this many thousands of dollars can be saved.

Our salary and wage scale and hours of work now compare favorably with scales and hours outside the hospital. Work is regular and steady. We all can be proud of being a part of the M.G.H.

The Trustees and Director express their appreciation for the conscientious services of all during the past year and their expectation that the same spirit of service will be present during the coming year.

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Hobbies

Many members of our Dietary group have hobbies or interests widely diversified. Perhaps, if we name a few that we know, you might discover a kindred soul in your department that you were unaware of: Kenneth Weyand is a fervent student of Art —he paints in oils. Pat Gallagher collects stamps—a philatelist—has quite a collection we understand. Douglas Peay spends his spare hours in his garden. The flower he loves best is the Peony—and there are about twenty-three varieties of that fragrant flower for him to concentrate on. Bill Lewis is a lover of growing things too. His spare time goes into the cultivation of nature's edibles. His greatest interest is in the cultivation of his grape vines which include seven varieties, and he also has tomatoes, string beans and such.

Ernest Becker is also a Philatelist in the spare hours that he does not devote to the creation of wedding and other highly decorative cakes.

Alice Eaton of W. P. C. seems to have a hobby—Lodge activities—She is an active member of the L.O.O.M. and for many years has been active in the well known 4 H Clubs.

The Massachusetts General Hospital recently lost two of its valued members due to death. Martha E. Barwise has been well known to the Hospital staff as a switchboard operator since July of 1939. In April of this year she passed away.

Rose Bruun came to the Hospital in September of 1943 as a maid in Walcott House. After a short illness she died in April of 1949.

All who knew these two fine workers will remember them with respect and affection.

ABOUT FOLKS

Miss Joan Pinanski in April wedding married to Dr. Lawrence Sewell Morse.

Miss Joan Pinanski of the Social Service Department was married Sunday afternoon, April 2, to Dr. Lawrence Sewell Morse, son of Mr. and Mrs. Jacob Morse of Brookline. In a colorful setting of white tulips, snapdragons, and smilax the wedding ceremony was performed by Rabbi Irving A. Mandel at Temple Israel, Boston. A reception followed at the home of the bride's parents in Brookline.

The bride is a graduate of both Wellesley and Simmons College and has been with the M. G. H. since 1944. The bridegroom is a graduate of Tufts College and Tufts Medical School. During the war he served four years in the Pacific theater and was decorated for outstanding service in the invasion of Okinawa. He is a member of the staff of the Boston Floating Hospital and The Children's Hospital.

Out-Patient Department News

by
BEATRICE KANTER

January has been a festive month for the staff of the Out-Patient Dept. First there was a party for Miss Claire O'Neil who is resigning as O.P.D. Nursing supervisor to go to California. Miss O'Neil was graduated from the Simmons College School of Nursing and has held her present position for the past one and half years. She is being replaced by Miss Marian Maxwell, who is returning after twenty years of Public Health Nursing.

A get-together was held for Miss Wenonah Marble, assistant head nurse in the Eye Clinic, who was married to Dr. Robert Griesemer, dermatology resident, on January 29. The wedding was in Trinity Church. The bride was lovely in traditional white and a wedding cap of heirloom lace. The wedding reception was held in the Hampshire House. The honeymoon in Bermuda.

Members of the staff of the Skin Clinic were entertained on January 8 with a "Square Dance" at the Wayside Inn. Fast music and swinging skirts were the order of the evening.

Mrs. Joan Perkins, former Medical O.P.D. secretary, has moved to New York where her husband, a former honor student at the Harvard School of Law, has employment as a corporation lawyer.

Wedding bells are ringing for Miss Geraldine Sweet, Arthritic Service secretary, and Dr. H. Kelvin Magill.

Miss Phyllis Rea— Dr. Billings Wed

Wearing a gown of candlelight satin with a matching crown and veil and carrying her grandmother's prayer book and a white orchid, Miss Phyllis June Rea, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Harry R. Rea of Foxboro, became the bride Saturday, March 26, of Dr. Edmund Billings, son of Mrs Edmund Billings of Concord and the late Mr. Billings. The 4 o'clock ceremony was performed by the Rev. Raymond G. Worcester in Memorial Church, Harvard University, Cambridge, and a reception followed at Hampshire House.

The bride was graduated from the Massachusetts General Hospital School of Nursing. Dr. Billings was graduated from Yale University and Harvard Medical School and is now resident physician in surgery at the Massachusetts Memorial Hospitals.

Mrs. Louise Lammers, social service worker and the Rev. Arthur Carson Kelsey have also heard the bells tolling. The Rev. Kelsey is assistant rector at the Church of the Advent. Miss Lammers, a Wellesley and Simmons graduate.

It is the intention of this magazine to introduce in a brief Profile those of our co-workers who have served ten years or more. This month we introduce Sabina Brogna who has served in the Coat Room for sixteen years. Her consistent patience deserves an accolade. Although the number of people using the coat room has increased, her efficiency and infallible memory has never faltered. We are happy to include her in our circle of valued friends.

Accounting Dept.

On February 28, 1949, Miss Evlynne MacMaster joined the Accounting Department as secretary to Mr. E. Russell Greenhood, Comptroller. She was formerly secretary to the President of the Boston Varnish Company, in Everett. We welcome her to the M.G.H.

Robert F. Morgan of Concord, New Hampshire, was married on March 25th in the Congregational Church, West Somerville, to Barbara Phillips. Miss Phillips is connected with the Pilgrim Trust Co. The groom, a member of the General cashiers, is in his junior year at Bentley's School of Accounting and Finance. After a honeymoon in New York, the Morgans will make their home in West Somerville.

Grace Hemming, a member of the payroll section, is on an extended leave of absence.

25 Years For Peggy Joyce

In February 1949 Peggy celebrated her 25th anniversary with the MGH. There were no signs of 'wear or tear' on Peg so the years must have been happy ones.

In 1924 Peg worked as messenger girl, at that time under the supervision of Miss Campbell. After working in that capacity for two years and proving her capabilities, she was transferred to the Record Room where she remained in spite of many other positions offered her in various departments thruout the hospital. Peggy was happiest in the Record Room and there she chose to stay.

Those of us who have known the gal through most of these many years find no change in her ready smile and helping hand as she goes along her merry way. Here's hoping that in 1954 we will be able to say "Gee, Peg, has it been 30 years so soon".

Peggy was presented with a corsage, pen and pencil set and a sum of money from her very many friends throughout the hospital.

Good luck to you Peggy, and here's wishing you good health and long life as you stride along with the MGH.

B. K.

Dietary Tid-Bits

There have been two genuine Sun Tans in Dietary lately. One belongs to Miss Hatch, First Assistant Dietitian, and one to Miss Dillard, Dietitian in charge of White Kitchen. This tan came straight from nature's own cosmetic kit on the sands of a Florida Beach. Miss Hatch and Miss Dillard flew down last month for a couple of weeks of rest and relaxation from their exceedingly busy lives in the Dietary Department.

This was also a convalescent period for Miss Dillard. We are happy that she is well and back again.

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Many people made admiring comments about the sandwiches served at the Dedication Tea held in Ward 4, Bulfinch lately. Tony Martinez of Baker made them. They look good, they are good when Tony makes them.

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Ida Higgins, away recently because of illness, is serving again in N.P.C. with her customary smiling friendliness.

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Virus X was such a busy fellow in Dietary, as almost everywhere else, in the past few months, space will not permit comment on the individual casualties resulting from his activities, but we are happy to see everyone well and back at his post.

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We are glad that Margaret Olsen has returned. She was ill for many weeks. She is now in Bulfinch in the Housekeeping Service.

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If you were ever in the Lower Food Store and observed what looked like Pat Sweeney getting a work out—arms and legs all operating together, he was very likely cutting Butter or Oleo. In the past four years, Pat has cut thousands of pounds of Butter and Oleo into little squares for us to use on our toast, rolls and muffins.

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By the way, have you seen the Lower Food Store recently? It is developing into something to talk about, and we will in a later issue.

M.G.H. Activities in Pictures

Irene Wilson whose SUGGESTION for laundry bag stands for OPD wins $10 award from Trustees.

Mrs. Jessie W. Harding, with her red basket, is a familiar figure to the M.G.H. family. Since 1944, as a volunteer, she has done nearly 5,000 hours worth of the 250 requests for errands that come to the Nursing Auxiliary offie each day.

Blood Bank Resources Available 24 Hours a Day

Checking with Red Cross Gray Lady.

A thorough physical examination is done prior to donating.

Preliminary blood tests to determine suitability of donor.

Actual blood-giving process takes but 5 to 6 minutes, followed by a 15-minute rest period.

Refreshments are served—the donor's part is completed.

Many laboratory tests are done before the patient receives a transfusion.

Justin Parsons Reminisces After 40 Years Service

Justin Parsons, after 40 years of service, cutting his anniversary birthday cake. Surrounding him are his friends, left to right, Works Manager Ray Kinsman, Albert Wait, Alfred Ellis, Philip Holden, Carleton Goff, Anthony Maggiotta, George Hamilton and Irene MacIsaac.

"When I came here on March 15, 1909, the entrance to the Hospital was on Blossom Street and the Administrative offices were in the Bulfinch Building," said Justin Parsons on his 40th anniversary birthday. "On the right hand side of the entrance was a room which was occupied by Mr. Connors, the night watchman. After questioning me, I was allowed to pass along to the carpenter shop which was located over the boiler room. (This space is now enjoyed by Dr Cope's dogs). Mr. Charles Gordon was foreman at that time.

"When I was hired I was told that my job was good for three months and perhaps longer. As you can see, it proved to be longer and a short time later I was promoted, and received a $15 per month raise.

"The road up the ladder was slow and hard but eventually I was made foreman. Mr. Lutz was Superintendent of Works at the time I was made foreman. Mr. Lutz was a very nice man and very fair to the help. On the death of Mr. Lutz, Mr. Ray Kinsman was made Superintendent of Works. Needless to say, he is a fine fellow and a very efficient one.

"My duties here have been wide and varied. I have done most everything in the mechanical line of work such as repairing and remodeling cabinets and have also had to keep the door checks in order and make the keys and master locks which is a job in itself.

"I want to thank the boys who worked under me for their wonderful cooperation, especially Mr. Downes, Mr. Sears, Mr. Mooney, Mr. Burke, and Carl Dexter."

Elizabeth Maginnis of Social Service Department who was loaned to help in polio epidemic.

Special Mission

Last November an epidemic of infantile paralysis struck Southern California. Sufferers were pouring into the Los Angeles General Hospital at the rate of 400 a month. When the situation became critical, the National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis appealed to the Massachusetts General for the loan of a social worker. Miss Barbour, head of our Social Service Dept., relayed the appeal to her staff, and Elizabeth Maginnis volunteered her services.

On her arrival in Los Angeles the first week of January, she was assigned to a convalescent unit consisting of 85 so-called respiratory cases—30 in respirators and 55 out. From her letters Miss Barbour learned some interesting details about the unit. A large number of the patients were young women, many of them mothers, between the ages of 20 and 35. Miss Maginnis pays great tribute to their extraordinary courage. Although new cases of polio have diminished, there is already apprehension that the coming months of warmer temperature will mean a re-activation of the epidemic.

25 Years of Service

The Hospital list of long-service employees includes Philip J. Holahan, head of the Plumbing Shop, who completed twenty-five years with the Hospital as of February 20. His first assignment in 1924 was remodeling the East End of Bulfinch Building, changing the wards there and modernizing the morgue. Following this assignment, he worked on Baker Memorial, Laundry, White Building, Vincent Memorial, various nurses homes and again in the old Bulfinch Building when it was being fire-proofed.

Miss Agnes Dunn Retires

Miss Agnes Veronica Dunn, left, retiring from post as Assistant to the Director in charge of Phillips House.

September 1914 was a particularly fortunate month for the Massachusetts General Hospital, as it was at the time Miss Agnes Veronica Dunn entered the School of Nursing. Graduation came in 1917.

In October 1918, she enrolled in the Nursing Corps and was sent to the Debarkation Center, New York City, which was a 6000-bed hospital. In 1920 she returned to Boston to become a supervisor in the Phillips House. For fifteen years she was Senior Supervisor, becoming Assistant to the Director in April 1947.

On March 17, a delightful tea was given by her friends at M.G.H.

The affection and esteem in which she was held by her fellow workers in Phillips House, was demonstrated by the many gifts she received from different groups.

Miss Dunn was succeeded by Mrs. Constance Wilde Braman, a graduate of the M. G. H. School of Nursing, Class of 1932. Mrs. Braman came to the Phillips House in 1935 as a staff nurse and after serving as night supervisor and then day supervisor became assistant to the Director in March, 1949.

When Philip Holahan first came here, William Hannigan was boss plumber and Mr. Lutz was works manager. After three years Mr. Hannigan retired and Mr. Holahan became chief of the Plumbing Shop. In the early days, there were four or five plumbers with added temporary men for special jobs. Now there are twenty men regularly and more added for special jobs. "Time goes fast," says Mr. Holahan.

Mr. Capen Resigns

On February 28, 1949, Mr. George Philip Capen resigned as supervisor of housekeeping in the Baker Memorial, in order to assume a better position in the U. S. Marine Hospital in Brighton, Massachusetts.

Mr. Capen graduated from Massachusetts Institute of Technology as a chemical engineer.

Being a veteran of World War I made him eligible for Veterans Administration work, and thus he introduced on-the-job training for veterans in many businesses, including M.G.H.

Although Mr. Capen had had much previous experience in the care of buildings, he nevertheless added to that knowledge through three months evening studies at B. U. and by regular attendance at the M. G. H. Housekeeping Institute classes for over a year.

His B. M. employees wished him good luck and presented him a beautiful wallet containing a substantial sum of money

The entire Housekeeping service extends its congratulations and best wishes for complete success in his new venture.

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A Delegation To Other Lands

Miss Ruth Sleeper, Director of School of Nursing and Nursing Service, attended the International Council for Nurses Convention which met in Stockholm, Sweden, from June 13 through June 17. Miss Sleeper flew both ways for a nine day visit which ended on her return June 19. Miss Edna Lepper and Miss Anna Crotty of the M. G. H. and Miss Dorothy Tarbox of the Massachusetts Eye & Ear Infirmary also attended the Convention. Sailing May 25. They will also tour England, Scotland, Norway, Sweden and Denmark.

Edmund Mattos Now in Ecuador

Edmund Mattos, Administrative Intern, who left the M. G. H. for Quito, Ecuador, where he is advisor in relation to the Hospital and Public Health program being conducted by the Institute of Inter-American Affairs, reports progress. Mr. Mattos is responsible for the overall management of a group of hospitals built in cooperation with the United States and Ecuadorian Governments, and the training of hospital personnel in Latin America as well as recommending individuals for training in the United States.

Mr. Mattos came to us in July, 1948 from the Yale University Course in Hospital Administration. His work here took him to nearly every department in the M.G.H., and all who met him wish him luck in his new post.

Inhalation Therapy Service

Inhalation therapy equipment including oxygen and other inhalation gases is now supplied and serviced from the Inhalation Therapy Department located in the basement of the old pharmacy. The telephone number is 893.

This new department is headed by Dr. B. D. Briggs, Assistant Anaesthetist who is assisted by two technicians, Mr. Edward Banks and Mr. Robert Stoddard. Mr. Banks and Mr. Stoddard provide coverage from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. on weekdays and from 8:00 am. to 4:30 p.m. on Sundays and holidays.

When the technicians are not on duty, the ward orderlies may secure equipment from the Inhalation Therapy Room, a key for which is available at the Nursing School Office.

In this new arrangement residents and nurses of the anesthesia department receive training in the principles and techniques of inhalation therapy. This should result in better service to our patients and increase the educational facilities of the hospital.

Suggestion Box

Don't forget the Suggestion Box and the prize of $10 for winners.

Continuous Service Again Reaps Reward

NEW VACATION POLICY

Employees who have been connected with the Hospital for fifteen years or more and who formerly were entitled to two weeks' vacation may be granted an additional weeks' vacation making a total of three weeks in each calendar year.

Employees who upon leaving would have been entitled to a vacation period will be granted it as a terminal vacation provided they have worked six months or more since July 1, and provided they have not been dismissed for cause.

An employee's first vacation will be based on his length of service from the date of employment to July 1. Employees will not be entitled to any vacation unless they have been employed at least six months as of July 1. At the discretion of the department head, a **full time** employee who works six months **after** July 1 may take **1/2** of his vacation allowance at that time and the balance during the calendar year, when earned.

Vacations are of four types:

Those granted for 1 calendar week
Those granted for 2 calendar weeks
Those granted for 3 calendar weeks
Those granted for 4 calendar weeks

In general, emploees receive 2 weeks' vacation with pay. Half time workers receive 1 week. Assistant department heads and some supervisors receive 3 weeks. Department heads receive 4 weeks.

Employees on a full time basis who have been employed six months or more but less than one year as of July 1 will be entitled to a vacation in accordance with the following allowances:

Those in positions which have a 2-week vacation period will be entitled to 2/12 of the regular work week for each month employed, adjusted to the nearest half day.

Those in positions which have a 3-week vacation period will be entitled to 3/12 of the regular work week for each month employed, adjusted to the nearest half day.

Those in positions which have a 4-week vacation period will be entitled to 4/12 of the regular work week for each month employed, adjusted to the nearest half day.

Employees on a part time basis, employed half time or more, who have been employed six months or more but less than one year as of July 1, will be entitled to 1/12 of the regular work week for each month employed adjusted to the nearest work day.

Vacations will not be cumulative from year to year. They must be taken during the current year.

No vacation time will be granted to any temporary, sick relief or vacation relief employees.

Vacations should normally be taken in one consecutive period, but if split they may not be taken in more than two parts. This arrangement may be made only with the consent of the department head.

When a holiday falls within the vacation period no extra day will be given in its place.

When pay day falls within the vacation period the employee may, upon request, receive at the beginning of his vacation one-half the compensation regularly due for the total period.

N. W. Faxon, M. D.,

Blood Bank Calls

The Blood Bank needs voluntary donors. As the improvements in medical and surgical care advance each year, more and more people require blood, sometimes in large amounts. For many patients donors are unobtainable, or only in small numbers and cash replacement is impossible.

For this reason, and to provide a wider margin of reserve for emergencies, the Blood Bank requests all who wish to donate blood to call Extension 261 between the hours of 9 a.m. and 5 p.m. for an appointment. The Bank is open Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday, from 1 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.; Wednesday, from 3 p.m. to 7 p.m.; and Saturday (except during July and August) from 8:30 a.m. to 10 a.m.

All persons between the ages of 18 and 60 may give if the Blood Bank physician finds them fit after a history, an abbreviated physical examination, and a haemoglobin test have been done.

The giving of your blood may save a life.

It will be of great assistance to some patient.

It will be a real service to the hospital.

Lamar Soutter, M.D.

Miss Hernan At Credit Conference

The 35th International Consumer Credit Conference was held in Boston this Month, with headquarters at the Hotel Statler. The speakers included Dr. N. W. Faxon, Director, who addressed their Hospital and Professional Groups on the Collection Policies of New England's largest Hospital.

Miss Frances Hernan, chief accountant, was chairman of the Conference. The sessions and discussion periods were attended by various Departmental of the M. G. H. Representatives.

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Travel Abroad

Student travel is one commodity that has not yet hit the "buyer's" market. The Students International Travel Association, one of the largest student travel organizations, states:

"For the fourth consecutive month, advance registrations for summer study and adventure tours sponsored by this organization have exceeded every expectation. Our advance registrations were about 4½ times larger than last year, over three times our greatest forecast, and twice as large as any pre-war year when SITA was America's largest operator of European tours. If space would permit we could handle several thousand on our European trips this summer. We've never seen anything like it."

Other Student Travel groups report similar demand. For example, for one Student Ship sailing that can handle less than one thousand students, over 4000 applicants have already asked for space.

With steamships everywhere hanging up 'Sold Out' signs, youth is also taking to the air. Youth Argossy, another educational travel group, has chartered a number of airplanes and will fly large groups abroad. SITA Adventure Trails has made similar arrangements with a Canadian Airline.

When it is realized that the cost of today's round trip passage to Europe alone exceeds the cost of the pre-war 10 week all expense tour, the fact that such a demand exists runs counter to all economic trends today.

TRAVEL INFORMATION

Pamphlets, brochures, and booklets on travel in this and other countries are available for your inspection in the Personnel Office. Come in and look them over.

Vacation in New England— A Week, a Week-End or a Day

American Youth Hostels

The Greater Boston Council of American Youth Hostels offers trips from June 4 to Labor Day. Trips of one, two or three weeks duration, to New England and Nova Scotia.

A vacation the AYH way is a perfect solution for people of limited vacation allowances. Groups of ten with a trained leader travel over the countryside in a leisurely manner. Spend, ordinarily, their nights in youth hostels—homes of people typical of the region interested in sharing their daily lives with hostelers.

Part of the day is spent biking or hiking, the rest swimming, visiting places of historical interest, mountain climbing, square dancing, or just getting acquainted with the area, the farm lands, fishing industries, art colonies.

The trips will not be too strenuous for the beginner but offer enough variety for the experienced.

AYH is a non-profit organization. A youth hostel provides an inexpensive overnight stop (40-50c a night) with cooking and washing facilities and bunkrooms for men and girls, open to anyone with a pass. House parents are resident.

These trips—planned by hostelers—are an excellent way to open the door to a new and creative kind of year round recreation.

Cape Ann, Gloucester, Lanesville, Rockport, Massachusetts and New Hampshire Countryside
Bike Trip
One Week Trip.....$21.00
Two Week Trip $40.00
Starting every Monday beginning June 6.

Historical Special—Boston, Concord Salem, Gloucester
Bike Trip
One Week Trip.....$21.00
Starting July 4 and August 1.

Cape Cod, Martha's Vineyard
Bike Trip
One Week Trip.....$27.00
Two Week Trip.....$50.00
Starting every Monday beginning June 6.

Green Mountains, Long Trail, Vermont
Hiking and Climbing
Nine Day Trip....$26.00 plus train fares
Starting June 4, June 25, July 23, Aug. 27, Sept. 3 and Sept. 10.

CAPE ANN

For those with cars I quote Hildegarde Hawthorne, niece of Nathaniel. "Anyone who has owned a car and has not taken that wonderful run along what used to be called Cape Ann Side has missed the immense reason for owning an automobile in America, and something should be done about it."

We haven't the space to outline the entire journey for you here, but following are a few of the places you will see and how to get there.

On the famed North Shore of Massachusetts, after passing through Beverly and Manchester, you are introduced to Magnolia where Gloucester really begins. Here we would suggest you turn off the main highway under a willow canopy which leads you to Magnolia—Magnolia the spot of many charms which back in the days when it was called "Kettle Cove" gave rise to a story of witchery which is yours for the hearing. First you will pass "Crescent," the first of the many beaches on the Cape Ann Trail, where, on a summer morning, orchestral concerts add their charm to the music of the Atlantic. Here you can look seaward to old Kettle Island or backward towards Salem and Marblehead. A turn to the left will carry you past the Oceanside, to Lexington Avenue, past the Fifth Avenue summer shopping center.

From here a turn to the right will carry you to two of the most famed spots on the whole North Shore — Rafe's Chasm and Norman's Woe. To see these, follow along Hesperus Avenue until you come to the sign of the Casino. To the right of this a public path leads you back to Rafe's Chasm, a scene of romance and tragedy, real and filmed. Here you may marvel at this great fissure and then look outward to the sea for your first glimpse of East Gloucester, Eastern Point Light and the great Government breakwater, while close at hand to your left, as you climb to a high spot on the rocks, you will thrill at your first glimpse of Norman's Woe. As you look at this setting of Longfellow's famous poem, "The Wreck of the Hesperus", and listen to the deep toned warning of its bell, it would be well to recall the famous lines.

An outline of the entire trip is available in the Personnel Office. We recommend it.

PROVINCETOWN

Want to go on a cruise, but can't take a long one? To Provincetown and back takes one day. And it is a delightful trip; historical as well as enjoyable. Dancing, games, or just lounge aboard ship. Some of the historically famous landmarks you will see are the Fish Pier; Deer Island; colonial forts on mysterious islands in Massachusetts Bay; Boston Light; the oldest lighthouse in America; the legendary submerged island called Nix's Mate and the I-Love-You beacon (Minot's Light). A day well spent.

SAILING ON THE CHARLES

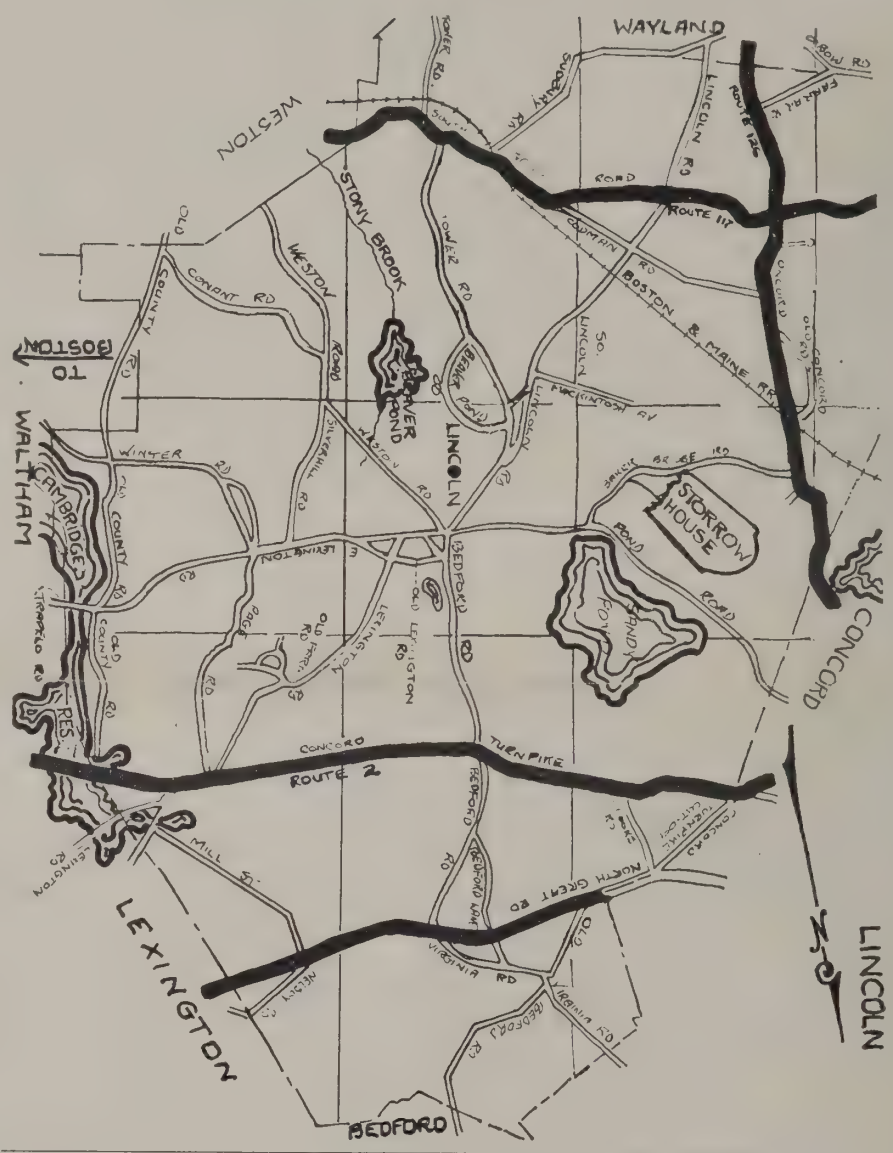
in cooperation with Community Sailing Association
Herbert Wessling, Director
James Pope, Expert on Sailing

Would you like to learn to sail on the Charles River Basin? You can do this through the facilities of the Community Sailing Association—provided you can swim 100 yards.

The first two or three meetings will be at the Adult Education Center. Here you will learn terminology, small boat handling, rules of the road, knot tying, safety and emergency rules, and points of sailing.

The other meetings will be at the Boat House near the Longfellow Bridge, where you will start with sail boats. Meetings at the Center will be for one hour, all others two hours. Groups limited to 15.

HOW TO GET TO STORROW HOUSE



Storrow House

The lovely picnic ground at Storrow House is available for M. G. H. employees for days outing or picnic dinners. Telephone Miss Welch, Lincoln 0343 for reservation—see map page 2.

ABOUT FOLKS

Phillips House

Wedding Bells will be busily ringing, this month, for many of the Phillips House nurses. Among them will be Miss Lois Jean Chauncey, Miss Priscilla Fletcher, Miss Ruth Harkens, and Miss Roberta Tibbets. Our best wishes go with them.

The Supervisor, Miss Carolyn White, is wearing a large diamond, and plans to be married in the Autumn.

Mr. "Larry" Tibbetts, who has been caring for patients every evening, for many years, surprised his friends by announcing his marriage last month. We think his bride is very lucky!

The summer travelers are already on their way. Miss Ann and Miss Miriam Huggard left, last week, to motor through New Hampshire and Vermont on their way to Canada.

The Hostess, Mrs. Reid, plans to take an interesting trip up the St. Lawrence and the Saguenay Rines to Quebec.

The Secretaries, too, have an "itching foot", Miss Watson leaves soon for a trip through New York and Ohio.

Mrs. Hersey plans to do a little "gypsying" by motor, with friends. Mrs. Macdonald goes to her beloved camp, in New Hampshire, to commune with nature.

Phillips House Housekeeping

Sophie Atwood looks very rested since her return from a two weeks' vacation.

Everyone is garden conscious, and the seeds and the nice plants that have been so generously given us are thriving in the garden. Each one has done their share. Gus Kolegue's knowledge of gardening is a help and Eugene Rossi, W. Parks. also Donald McKay were seen digging in the good earth. Pauline Dombronski has a special row of flowers to care for. Perhaps they will remind her of her home in France. Hazel Hogan is good in supervising the transplanting. Margaret Ingram ran into a little trouble with her row. She is now wondering if the people in China are enjoying the seeds she planted. Gertrude De Bruyn arranges her pansies in a cute "Glass Puppy."

May we thank all those who contributed tools, seeds, seedlings and time to our gardens, namely, Mrs. Charles Cabot, Miss M. Huggard, Miss K. Gallivan, Miss Nan Cleary, Mrs. Hazel Hogan, Mr. Don Carpenter, Mr. Dave Finley, Mr. Gus Kaleque, Mr. Eugene Rossi, Mr. Kinsman, Mr. Frank Maggiotta and Mr. Billy Beckman.

The benches under the lilac bushes have been a source of real enjoyment to our employees during their lunch period.

Our garden has supplied us already the joy of sharing it with many of our friends.

Our sympathy to Elizabeth Doyle in the loss of her father-in-law, who passed away at Massachusetts General Hospital.

We welcome the following new employees to our Department: Mr. Henry Copley and Mr. James Cotter.

Mr. Bill Crockford, P. H. Elevator Operator, is enjoying the Red Sox and Braves home games via his new television set.

Housekeeping News

Helen Dempsey of O.P.D. recently visited her brother in New York. A good time was had by all.

James Hurley, a porter in the Moseley Building, is recovering from a recent illness. We expect him back with us soon.

Many a woman thinks she can do nothing without a husband. When she gets one, she finds she can do nothing with him.

Robert Woodward, Night Cleaner, has a new addition to his family, a girl born April 15. He now has one of each.

Men are like corks when it comes to proposing. Some will pop the question. While others have to be drawn out.

M.G.H. Soft Ball

On May 6 the Housekeeping Dept. softball team played the Maintenance Dept. and won 13 to 5. And on the 19th we played the Electricians and gave them a trimming 9 to 3.

R. C. Adams—right field.
W. Pinckney—short field.
P. Gaskins—center field.
D. Claytor—left field.
R. Puntoni—pitcher.
B. May—second base.
J. Doherty—catcher.
J. Kelley—third base.
B. Hudson—first base.
C. Mannus—short stop.

Record Room News

Helena McCarthy and Carolyn Schwartz are new additions to the Record Room group. Glad you came and hope you stay a long time.

Let's Have Fun

A group of girls in the Record Room have started what they call the "Have Fun Group" and had their first party the last Thursday in February at Blinstrub's. It is their hope that the group will become a larger one and that on the last Thursday of each month they will attend one of the 'spots' in or around Boston where one can dine, dance and simply "let go". The first party went over with a bang and even the group's chaperone tripped the light fantastic with a very nice gentlemen who no doubt felt that the 'mother' of the group was deserving of some amusement. Be that as it may, the girls had a grand time and any of the MGH-ers who would like to join the party any time, please dial 201 2-3 days before the set date so that you may be included in the reservations.

Members of the "Have Fun" Club. Left to right, top row, Kay Riley, Joan Flynn and Peg Mutchler, bottom row, Rose Brooks, Joan Coutts and Joan Goodwin.

A Test of Telephone Manners

This is a true and false type of a quiz. "T" stands for "true" and "F" stands for "false". Read each item and indicate whether the statement is true or false. Put a circle around "T" for true or around "F" for false. You will find the correct answers below.

1. The best way to start a telephone conversation when the telephone rings is to say,

"Who is speaking, please, and what do you want?"..... T F

2. If an outsider is calling the hospital and he has been referred wrongly to your department, just say to the person,

"Sorry, but the operator has given you the wrong department. Call her back and let her refer you to the right department."

T F

3. Immediate attention to the ring of a telephone gets a conversation off on the right foot from the very start. It is the first step toward goodwill. ..... T F

4. When the party calling you on the telephone is forced to wait for an answer, irritation is almost always the result on the other end of the line. ..... T F

5. For good service on your part on the telephone and goodwill, answer the telephone ring in ninety-five per cent of the cases within:

10 seconds .....
15 seconds .....
25 seconds .....
30 seconds .....

6. The best and the most efficient policy in telephone technique is to wait until the calling party identifies himself. ..... T F

7. The best telephone policy for a secretary in answering a call for her boss who is absent from the office is to say,

"This is Miss Smith speaking, Mr. Baker's secretary. Mr. Baker is not in just now. May I take a message?" ..... T F

8. If a party speaking to you on the telephone is impatient or unreasonable and excited, the best policy is formally to state to him,

"Give me a chance to give you service. You are so excited and impatient, it is difficult for me to decide how to take care of your request for information." ..... T F

9. Usually it is not necessary for a person to go out of his way to be friendly and pleasant to the party who is calling. ..... T F

10. As soon as you find out that the party calling you wants information that does not belong to your department, say,

"Sorry, this is not the department that can answer your question. I will have the operator refer you to the proper department." ..... T F

11. Below are ten possible rules for telephone conversation. Check each one, indicating whether the statement is true or false.

a. Keep your voice loud to make sure that the other party hears you. ..... T F
b. If the other person seems to be discourteous, be abrupt with him in your answers. .... T F
c. Learn to put in the "thank you's" and "you're welcomes" as you converse with the person. ..... T F
d. Because the sweetest voice to a person is his name, as Dale Carnegie states, use the person's name at suitable opportunities during the conversation. ..... T F
e. Keep your voice from getting flat and mechanical. ..... T F
f. Before making a call, plan first what you will say in order that your statements will be to the point and brief. ..... T F
g. Be sure that it is clear that the other party has finished his conversation before you replace the receiver—gently without banging it down. .... T F

12. When answering a telephone, it is best to assume that the impression that you leave on the other person is often the kind of impression he will get about the organization you represent.

TRUE OR FALSE

Answers

1. False
2. False
3. True
4. True
5. 10 seconds
6. False
7. True
8. False
9. False
10. True

11. a. False, b. False c. True, d. True, e. True, f. True, g. True.

12. True

G. John Gregory

Little Things Are So Big

The human brain weighs only forty to forty-eight ounces and yet it has the capacity to discover the mysterious secrets of nature and harness its forces for the service of man.

Napoleon was about five feet tall, but he was a giant in forming masses of men into great fighting forces before which the world trembled in his time.

An atom is an extremely minute unit of force and yet what it can do in destruction or usefulness keeps mankind in terrible suspense.

Five minutes is an infinitesimal portion of time, and yet, if everyone of us in this hospital took away five minutes of our time from work and spent it on something else during the day, it would mean a loss of sixteen days of work in the hospital and service to the patients of one person's time.

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Dr. Nanthaniel W. Faxon Retires

Dr. Faxon After Fourteen Years Retires As Director

Dr. Nathaniel Wales Faxon will retire as Director of the Massachusetts General Hospital and the Massachusetts Eye and Ear Infirmary on October first. He will be succeeded by Dr. Dean A. Clark at the Massachusetts General Hospital, and by Mr. Francis S. Hill at the Eye and Ear Infirmary.

Since 1935 Dr. Faxon has headed the M. G. H., the second oldest general hospital in the country. Earlier he knew the hospital as a house officer in 1905-1906. This was followed by ten years of medical practice with his father, Dr. William Otis Faxon, of Stoughton. From 1917-1919 Dr. Faxon served as 1st Lt. Medical R. C. and Major Medical Corps. After the war, he came back to the M. G. H. as Resident Physician until in 1922 he went to Strong Memorial Hospital, University of Rochester, as Director. Strong Memorial with its building program and development, claimed Dr. Faxon until 1935 when he returned finally to the M. G. H. to serve as Director here for 14 years.

During the years in which Dr. Faxon has seen the hospital grow and has contributed to this growth, there has been increasingly better care of patients, better facilities for research, better teaching and education. Since he became Director, the George Robert White Building has been added and the William Lawrence Chapel among other physical developments. The hospital has become associated with the North End Diet Kitchen, The Collins P. Huntington Memorial Hospital for cancer, the Hall Mercer plant for the study of neurosis and the new hospital wing of the Vincent Memorial.

Dr. Faxon saw the hospital through the war with its shortages of personnel and materials. He set up a "defense organization" prepared to function if the city were bombed, and the hospital was therefore ready to care for the victims of the Cocoanut Grove fire when that disaster occurred seven years ago. Lessons learned then have revolutionized the treatment of burns.

Dr. Faxon married the former Marie Bassett Conant in 1905. There are now seven grandchildren, two boys and a girl, children of his son Nathaniel, director of Concord, New Hampshire hospital; and two pairs of twins, three boys and a girl, children of William Otis Faxon 2nd of Manchester, New Hampshire. A third son is Herbert W. of Hancock Village, Newton.

When asked about his plans for the future, Dr. Faxon answers, "going fishing". He keeps an 18-foot cat boat at his summer home at West Falmouth and likes to fish for trout down in Maine.

Reception—Dr. & Mrs. Faxon

The Ether Day celebration this year will be devoted to a reception for Dr. and Mrs. Faxon on the evening of October 17. Supper will be served at 6:30 in the hospital cafeterias, followed by exercises in the Moseley Rotunda at 8 o'clock. There will be an opportunity to shake hands with Dr. and Mrs. Faxon after the exercises.

Everybody in the hospital family is welcome. Tickets for the supper may be obtained at the Front Desk after October 5.

Thirty Years' Service

After 30 years of service, Hans Haselwander, chef of Baker and Phillips House, has retired. He is succeeded by chef Tony Martinez, who was given a capping party by the Baker Dietary workers.

Hans Haselwander came to the M.G.H. on May 5, 1919. He is of Swiss parentage and was 35 years of age when he started his duties here.

Bowling Tournament Planning Committee Announces Winter Contest

The soft ball enthusiasts of the M. G. H. are now planning a Winter of bowling ending with a dinner and the awarding of a Championship Cup for the winning team in the Spring. The entering wedge is a Planning Committee which will work out details for the Tournament. The Planning Committee includes: Mrs. Rose Brooks, Record Room; William Stewart, Electrical Shop; Eugene Cote, Accounting Department; Arthur Irwin, Plumbing Shop; Wilfred Morin, Nursing Department; Roscoe Adams Housekeeping Department, and Jack Fraser, Dietary Department.

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In Memoriam

Frederic A. Washburn

(Excerpts from Dr. Faxon's tribute to Dr. Washburn, printed in full in The News of September.)

"The noble acts which he did and his greatness, they are not written, for they were very many."

From 1897 to 1934 — a period of thirty-seven years — Dr. Washburn was connected in one position or another with the active direction of the Massachusetts General Hospital. From 1934 to 1949 he served as an honorary member of the Hospital Committee of the Trustees.

Great personalities build great institutions and, conversely, great institutions attract great men and women. Such institutions acquire personalities as real as those of individuals. . . .

Dr. Washburn was a master of organization and detail; calm, judicial, keen, thoughtful, and farsighted; unswerving in integrity, with high ideals and committed whole-heartedly to the welfare and development of the M.G.H. The growth of this institution during the present century and its standing among the great hospitals of the world is due in no small degree to the personality and achievements of Dr. Washburn. . . .

His distinguished military career began as Surgeon and First Lieutenant with the 6th Massachusetts Volunteers, serving in the Porto Rico Campaign of 1898-99, and then as Assistant Surgeon and Captain with the 26th U. S. Volunteers in the Philippines from 1899 to 1903. As Major, he organized and commanded Base Hospital No. 6 during World War I until promoted to Colonel and placed in charge of all United States hospitalization in Great Britain, for which he received the Distinguished Service Medal from the American Government and the Order of St. Michael and St. George from the British. . . .

Probably the greatest achievement of Dr. Washburn's civilian career was the founding of the Baker Memorial Hospital for the care of people of moderate means with hospital charges at cost and a limited professional fee. . . .

Dr. Washburn died at his home, 190 Bay State Road, on August 20, 1949. His has been a distinguished career. "He was a good man and just."

N. W. F.

Frederick P. Lewis

For seven summers Frederick P. Lewis gave a service to the M.G.H. through his friendship for T. Parker Clarke, head of Housekeeping Department. Mr. Lewis was seen in our corridors pushing linen trucks, his earnest face intent on his job. Yet Mr. Lewis was a great musician, a graduate of Harvard and educated musically here and abroad. While abroad he played on most of the famous organs of Europe, including that of the Cathedral at Cologne. He was the only American ever to be invited to play on the Johann Sebastian Bach great organ in Munich. Mr. Lewis was born in Woburn, June 20, 1879, and died in Winchester Hospital, August 4, 1949. He was regularly employed as statistician by the town of Winchester. He will be missed by a wide variety of friends.

Record Room News

Miss E. Louise Seymour, Director of the M.G.H. Medical Records School, gave a tea welcoming her new group of students on September 6, 1949.

How many MGH-ers are aware of the fact that Rose Martin, long the shining light of the Record Room, is a full fledged and registered Medical Records Librarian and her official position is Assistant Medical Records Librarian of the MGH.

Mary Pusateri was married to Ralph A. Derosier, on Sunday, August 14, 1949. Mr. and Mrs. Derosier are at home at 5 Chambers Court, Boston. (Incidentally Mary met Ralph at the St. Patrick's Day dance given by the MGH employees last March 17th).

Mass. Eye & Ear Infirmary

We welcome the Mass. Eye and Ear Infirmary to our columns.

As of August 15, the Eye and Ear Infirmary began its remodelling and building program that is to give us improved operating room space, a new private floor, new nursery space and many other needed improvements. The Infirmary has enlisted the support and cooperation of the Baker Memorial, the Burnham Wards for Children and the OPD to care for patients on the demolished wards.

The private eye and ear, nose and throat operations are also performed on Baker 5. An entire wing is devoted to the operating rooms with utility rooms, scrub rooms and offices close together. The ward operations are being performed in two rooms in the OPD turned over to the Infirmary for that purpose. The fenestration operation normally done in the second floor OR, is now being performed in a special operating room of the Winthrop Foundation on the second floor of the OPD.

Our children have been moved to Burnham where they occupy large airy rooms with colorful animals painted on the walls and a playroom of their own to enjoy.

An end-of-summer picnic was enjoyed by members of the administrative staff of the Eye and Ear Infirmary on September 7 at Mt. Hood, Melrose. Miss Phyllis Brown did a splendid job of organizing the group of 24 that included secretaries from accounting, public relations, information, the secretaries' office and technicians from the Howe and Mosher Laboratory. Miss Robertson, Assistant to the Director, Miss Tarbox, Nursing Supervisor, Mrs. Sidley, Executive Housekeeper, Miss Peterson and Miss Olson, heading up the admitting office group, Miss Getty and Mrs. Page of the front desk were also at the wiener roast.

SOFT BALL

Electrical Shop Soft Ball Team—included are: Joseph F. Doyle, William Stewart, Donald Carpenter, Malcolm McLean, James Hurley, Ed Hurley, Bernard Lynn, Michael Giggi, Robert Alfredson, Fred Mappleby, Harold McLaughlin, Jim Dacey, William Lush, and Emery Roach.

Plumbing Shop Soft Ball Team—included are: William J. Beckmann, Arthur Nichols, James Stone, George Ryan, John Cavallaro, Joseph Fiumara, Walter Wood, John Merrill, Arthur Irwin, James DeLaria, Leonard DeLuca.

Soft ball champion cup won by Electricians' Shop after tournament with Plumbers' Shop.

Accounting Department Soft Ball Team—included are: Ernie Alexander, Randy Blanford, John McSweeney, Robert Morgan, Jean Gonsalo, Joe McCue, Gene Cote, Earl Stacey, Joseph P. Inferrera, Ernest Zanino, and John Mendes.

Housekeeping Department Soft Ball Team—included are: Gene McCue, Bob Keenan, Robert May, Edward May, Eddie Jones, Peter Gaskins, Walter Fay, John Kelley, John Harmon, Roscoe Adams, Wilbur Pinckney and Joseph Doherty.

HOSPITAL AIDES' PICNIC

Kneeling left to right: Max Rosen, Clement Lovell, Daisy Bagley, Homer MacClosky, July Miller, Mary Cummings, and Marjorie Shaw.

Standing left to right: Eleanor Bender, Elise Comeau, Helen Vining, Jean Vining, Anna Cullan, June Bagley, Dolly Tracy, Gladys Martin, Phyllis George, Eleanor Mattews, Anna Henaut and Audrey Arrington.

EYE AND EAR LAUNDRY GROUP. SUMMER 1949

Back row: Mrs. Olsen, Adele Dragon, Mrs. Roberts, head laundress, and Alice Reed.

Front row: Mrs. Kinsella, Assistant Housekeeper, Sophie Mazur, Angie Theodos, Irene Phillips, Theresa Roucher and Lone Christo.

ABOUT FOLKS

Housekeeping Department

After 20 years of faithful service, Mr. John Keohane, Linen Deliverer, retired. Mr. T. P. Clarke presented to Mr. Keohane a pipe, tobacco, billfold with a sum of money inside and the well wishes of his work mates.

Agnes Dacey, of Bulfinch Linen Room, who broke her arm in a bad fall, is back to work with her friendly smile. She has been with M.G.H. for 36 years.

Mary McQuillan is enjoying two weeks vacation at Hampton Beach.

Mr. T. P. Clarke returned from his vacation at Cape Porpoise, Maine, looking very well.

Joan Dade spent a pleasant week at Lake Ossipee, N. H.

Regina Flaherty spent two weeks in Philadelphia.

Housekeeping Department Baseball team finished the season in a very cockey mood.

Sadie Daniels spent her two weeks painting and papering her apartment.

Helen Vigneau enjoyed two weeks at the Cape.

Charles Porter, Exterminator, spent two weeks at his farm in Andover, N. H.

Housekeeping Department enjoyed an outing at White City, Worcester.

Mr. and Mrs. Mapleson enjoyed two weeks at Ogonquit, Maine.

Anne Griffith spent two weeks at Hampton Beach.

Elizabeth Callahan visited two weeks in Rhode Island.

Mr. and Mrs. Roscoe Adams spent two weeks in New Hampshire.

Out-Patient Department

On Wednesday, August seventeenth, in the Hooper Room (second floor, O.P.D.) a Kitchen Shower was given for Miss Lucia Buchanan, supervisor of Secretaries and Volunteers in the O.P.D., who was married on September third to Mr. Ralph Livingston. The Livingston's are going to make their home on Beacon Hill after a wedding at the home of the bride-to-be's parents in Beverly, Mass

Cashier, Phyllis Schwartz said, "I do" on June twenty-sixth to Sidney Stone in the "Hellman's Party House" in Brookline.

Dietary Tidbits

On September 3rd Arlen Turner of the O.P.D. Lunch Counter became Mrs. Lester O'Bannon.

Many energetic folks of the Department traveled far afield during vacation time. Of the staff, Miss Hatch and Miss Dillard were in Kansas and Colorado. Miss Fox of Baker went to New York State, Miss Millican of Vincent to Washington, D. C. Miss Walsh of White Building cruised on the Great Lakes. Miss Fowler of Nurses' went to Oklahoma, Miss Sims of Eye and Ear to Mexico and Miss Fischer to Salt Lake City.

Misses Bonnell, Moyer and Stang went to Nova Scotia.

Eddie Davock of the Food Store spent his vacation with his family in Maine. John Bonnie, also of the Food Store, traveled to Canada. Mrs. Turner of West Pay found a restful spot in New Hampshire. Mrs. McKinnon of East Pay toured Northern New England with special attention to New Hampshire. Kenneth Weyand of the Dish Department went to the South Shore of Long Island. Miss DeRosa of Baker Memorial took advantage of our own South Shore and vacationed at Nantasket.

On September 2nd, ten young ladies from many different states were graduated from our School of Dietetics. The graduates were: Misses Mildred L. Antunez, Alberta S. Barnstorff, Doris Dean, Peggy M. Hollis, Elizabeth J. Jennings, Laura L. Jensen, Olive A. Johnson, Paula P. Julien, Jeanne Poehlmann and Marie A. Sherwood.

Phillips House

The lure of Cape Cod has been strangely felt by members of the Operating Room staff. Miss Helen Coghlan has been enjoying the refreshing breezes of Harwichport during this hot summer.

Miss Theresa Maloney has also gone to the Cape for her recreation.

Mr. Arthur Leger enjoyed a good time at Provincetown.

Up among the cool pines of Maine has gone Miss Ann Raymond and Mrs. Beryl Treat.

Mr. Carroll Smith has just returned from a vacation at Old Orchard Beach.

Miss Marion Skamarycz has recently come back from a round of visits, looking rested and brown.

Mr. John Baer also spent much of his time visiting friends.

Among our ambitious ward helpers is Marie Aschey who goes off to Boston University this fall.

Katherine Murphy plans to enter Simmons College as soon as possible.

Rose Greene is wearing a nice diamond and plans to be married in October.

Miss Agnes Lynch, of the X-Ray Department, soon leaves for her vacation in Newburyport.

Miss Olive Swanson has acquired a fine coat of tan at Martha's Vineyard.

The urge to "go places and see things" has been strongly felt by many of the Fourth Floor nurses. Miss Eleanor Pitman is about to set out by car on a trip to the West Coast, stopping at interesting places on the way.

Miss Edna Reidy has just returned from a fascinating flight to Atlantic City, Baltimore and Washington.

Mrs. Moran enjoyed a good time on Cape Cod.

Phillips House Housekeeping

Eugene Rossi was surprised August 29th when a birthday cake and all the fixings were presented to him by the Linen Room girls.

Agnes Haskell has returned to her duties after enjoying a nice vacation. Toots, her pet cat, must have enjoyed her being home with him.

Joe White, P.H. Elevator Operator, is up and about after an emergency appendectomy.

Frank Dingwell is in the pink after his very pleasant vacation.

Mr. Parks and son spent a few days in New York City.

Mr. Bill Fowler and wife had an enjoyable vacation in Canada.

We hope Anna Murphy enjoyed her lovely tour through the White Mountains.

Hospital Aides

Jean Vining had an active part in organizing the outing held at Norumbega Park on July 28, 1949. Members of the Outing Committee were Misses Audrey Arrington, Anne Cullan, Marjie Shaw and Mr. Guarino. The recreation program for the day included swimming, canoeing and many other sports.

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Dr. Dean A. Clark Takes Helm at M.G.H.

With the beginning of this month, Dr. Dean A. Clark became the General Director of the Massachusetts General Hospital. His aim is to carry on a program of "increasing usefulness of the hospital to the medical profession and the general community in New England", through care of the sick, education and research.

Dr. Clark is a nationally known public health expert and recently medical director of the Health Insurance Plan of Greater New York.

A native of Minnesota and a graduate of Princeton University, Dr. Clark has been a commissioned officer in the reserve corps of the U. S. Public Health Service with the rank of past assistant surgeon since 1939.

Dr. Clark's background includes three years as a Rhodes Scholar at Oxford University, England, where he received the degrees of A.B., and B.S. in physiology. In 1923 he took his medical degree at the Johns Hopkins Medical School and served his internship at Johns Hopkins Hospital.

He later became assistant resident physician in medicine and neurology at the New York Hospital, National Research Council Fellow in neurophysiology at Cornell University Medical School; interne at Phipps Psychiatric Clinic, Johns Hopkins; and interne at Trudeau Sanatorium, Trudeau, New York.

Upon joining the U. S. Public Health Service in 1939, he was engaged in studies of the organization and administration of medical services for the needy by State and local health and welfare departments in New York and Minnesota.

In 1941-42, he conducted surveys for the Public Health Service of medical care and health conditions in war-affected areas in the U. S. In 1942-43, he served as chief of the hospital section, medical division, Office of Civilian Defense, and chief of the emergency medical section, U. S. Public Health Service. In this period he was engaged in assisting the States to organize emergency base hospitals to care for civilians who might be injured by enemy action.

Dr. Dean A. Clark, new director of the M.G.H.

During the years 1941-48, Dr. Clark lectured and conducted courses on medical economics and the distribution of medical care in various colleges and universities. At present, he is associate professor of public health practice at Columbia University and lecturer in medical economics at the University of California.

Dr. Clark is a fellow of the New York Academy of Medicine, fellow

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Dead Line

Your Editorial Board hopes to issue the WORLD monthly except for July and August. We hope to have it in your hands before the end of each month. To do this it is necessary to have copy in the Personnel Office not later than the first week of the month. We want to publish your news. Will you cooperate by giving us your items of interest, your stories and comments, your pictures, promptly?

Dora E. Roberts

Miss Roberts recognizes many a familiar face as she walks about the halls of the MGH because she came here first more than 40 years ago.

In August 1905, Miss Roberts came to the MGH for the first time as a student nurse and after 20 months of training was forced to give it up because of physical reasons. At that time she became admitting clerk in the OPD and remained in that capacity for 7 years when she resigned to enter Simmons College for a course in Institutional Management. Following that she accepted a position as Matron in the Home for Aged Women and then in 1923 returned to Bates College (her old Alma Mater—class of 1895) as Director of Dining Rooms, which position she held for 14 years. In 1937 she returned to Boston and volunteered her services at the MGH until she accepted a pay position in the Record Room of the MGH. Miss Robert's attendance for duty is certainly worthy of mentioning. No storm, rain or snow, has been too severe for her to report every morning.

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of the American Public Health Association and fellow of the American Medical Association. He is the author of various articles on neurophysiology, neurology, and psychiatry and the distribution of medical services.

Dr. and Mrs. Clark, the former Miss Katherine Goldthwaite Darr, of New York, have three children, two daughters and a son, ranging from 22 months to 8 years. They have moved into the director's residence on the hospital grounds. Dr. Clark's hobbies include tennis, chamber music and walking. They summer in Carmel, New York.

In Memoriam

One of the most faithful and beloved employees of the Hospital has recently died.

Mr. Robert O. Henderson began his service over fifty years ago, as an orderly at McLean. From there he was transferred to the General where he served 50 years. He enjoyed telling how he used to make a paper "swish" to keep the flies off patients in the operating room! His work was much appreciated by the older group of doctors.

When the Phillips House was built he was given a post as orderly in the new building. He served efficiently and cheerfully until his retirement four years ago.

Mr. Henderson leaves his wife, two sons, and a daughter, Harriet, who is now in training at M.G.H., to carry on the profession so ably learned by her mother and father.

On October 1, Margaret Hennessey, an employee in the nurses' dormitory, 4 North Grove Street, died after an emergency operation. Mrs. Hennessey had been with us as a faithful and loyal employee since June 1937. She will be remembered by all who knew her, and our sympathy goes out to her large family. One of her sons was the Late Reverend James G. Hennessey who was cited for valor and died during World War II. Archbishop Cushing named a building in memory of him.

The Cured Cancer Club, presided over by Mrs. Paul Doehler, Esophageal Voice teacher at the Infirmary, will give a Bridge and Whist Party at New England Mutual Hall on October 31 at 8 P.M. The proceeds from the party will go to the Cured Cancer Club Bed Fund to give financial aid to cancer patients at the Infirmary.

Dr. Faxon's Party

A commemoration of the Ether Day which will long be remembered was the farewell festivities for Dr. Faxon on the evening of October 17. It was essentially a family party, with tears and laughter very near the surface, in this gathering of more than 700 employees and friends in the dining rooms and added numbers for the exercises held later in the Moseley.

Many willing and skillful hands in the Dietary Department prepared and served a delicious buffet supper. Dr. and Mrs. Nathaniel W. Faxon, Mr. and Mrs. Francis C. Gray, Mr. John R. Macomber, Mr. Francis W. Hatch, Mrs. Robert Homans, Dr. and Mrs. James H. Means, Dr. and Mrs. Dean A. Clark, Dr. and Mrs. Edward D. Churchill, Dr. and Mrs. C. Sidney Burwell sat at the head of the center table. Others included heads of Departments and invited guests.

A gay note was introduced in the bagpipe playing which preceded every trip Dr. Faxon made in visiting the various dining rooms, as well as intermittent floor entertainment.

The exercises in the Moseley Building held many light touches, in speech and verse. Mr. Francis C. Gray was Chairman of the meeting introducing Dr. Dean A. Clark, Dr. C. Sidney Burwell, Mr. Francis W. Hatch, and Mr. John R. Macomber. Dr. Burwell, retiring Dean of the Harvard Medical School, and a long-time friend of Dr. Faxon, made the address of the evening, reviewing the major events in his career and that of Dr. Faxon, many of which ran chronologically along the same pattern. There were references to the work of Mrs. David Arnold, President of the Ladies' Visiting Committee and her work which helped to make the evening a success.

Dr. and Mrs. Faxon were presented with a copy of the portrait of Dr. Faxon which will hang in the White Building, and Dr. Faxon was given a beautiful silver cigar box.

On the platform were:

Mr. and Mrs. Francis C. Gray, Dr. and Mrs. Nathaniel W. Faxon, Dr. and Mrs. Dean A. Clark, Mr. John R. Macomber, Mr. Phillips Ketchum, Mr. Francis W. Hatch, Mr. Lloyd D. Brace, Mrs. David Arnold, Dr. Edward D. Churchill, Mr. Henry R. Guild, Mr. Ralph Lowell, Mrs. Robert Homans, Mr. John E. Lawrence, Dr. Francis O. Schmitt, Dr. Francis P. McCarthy, Monsignor Robert P. Barry, Dr. and Mrs. C. Sidney Burwell, and Dr. James H. Means.

Part of Center Table: Facing camera, left to right: Miss Sally Johnson, Mr. John R. Macomber, Miss Ida Cannon, Dr. Edward D. Churchill, Mrs. Dean A. Clark, Mr. Francis C. Gray, Mrs. Nathaniel W. Faxon.

"Standing room only" after seats are filled in Moseley Rotunda to hear the speakers at Dr. Faxon's farewell party.

October Seventeenth 1949

Highlights of Dr. Faxon's Party

Dr. Clark calls Dr. Faxon the most respected and best loved hospital administrator in the country. Seated are Mr. John R. Macomber and Mr. Francis W. Hatch.

Dr. and Mrs. Faxon leaving the dining room as the bagpipes play and the guests applaud.

Mr. John R. Macomber makes informal presentation of a boxed gift to Dr. Faxon as Mrs. Faxon looks on.

ABOUT FOLKS

Service Pins Presented

Thirty-three employees of the hospital were awarded service pins on October 17. Dr. Dean A. Clark gave the pins during an impressive ceremony in which he reviewed some of the contributions made by the hospital to the care of sick, education and research and pointed ahead to continuing service in the community.

Those receiving one-star pins for the completion of ten years' service included: Mrs. Nancy Cutter, Mrs. Emma Davis, Miss Louise Mansbridge, Miss Marie D'Entremont, Mrs. Jean Sargent, Mr. Thomas Cardullo, Mr. Roy Carlson, Mr. Malcolm McLean, Miss Eleanor Dempsey, Mrs. Gladys Drummey, Miss Marion Eastman, Miss Eleanor Pitman, Mrs. Hazel T. Fritz, Mrs. Marion Gaines, Mrs. Mollie Harvey, Mr. Raymond Irwin and Mrs. Violet Tracy.

The following received two-star pins for completing twenty years of service: Mrs. Helen Cushing, Miss Annabel Herdman, Mr. Lewis Felch, Mrs. Agnes Haskell, Mr. Donald MacKay, Miss Margaret Lane, R.N., Mr. Custer Walker, Mr. Karl Buschenfeldt, Mr. Vincent Farley, Miss Eulalia Grzebieniowska, Miss Ethel Hawes, Miss Frances Hernan, Miss Maretta McCleave, R.N., Miss Anna McCormick, and Miss Mary Norander.

A three-star pin for completing thirty years of service went to Hans Haselwander, retired chef of Baker Memorial and Phillips House who gave up his responsibilities last spring.

Eye and Ear Infirmary

Each year the Infirmary hopes for a 100% record of giving to the Community Fund Drive. In order to spur on the contributors and to add extra interest to the drive, the Infirmary this year had a pot of gold, or more accurately, a pot of pennies at the end of a rainbow. As each donation was received a penny was put into a large jar and each contributor given a chance to guess how many pennies would eventually accumulate. Since the drive was not over by the WORLD'S deadline, the winner of the pot of gold—the one who correctly guessed the number of pennies will be announced in the next issue.

M. G. H. Bowling League Schedule

1st Week Oct. 21, 1949			
Electric Dept.	Dietary	Record Room	Nursing Gen. F.
Housekeeping	Nursing	Accounting	Social Service
2nd Week Oct. 28, 1949			
Dietary	Record Room	Nursing Gen. F.	Electric Dept.
Housekeeping	Nursing	Accounting	Social Service
3rd Week Nov. 4, 1949			
Record Room	Nursing Gen. F.	Electric Dept.	Dietary
Housekeeping	Nursing	Accounting	Social Service
4th Week Nov. 11, 1949			
Nursing Gen. F.	Electric Dept.	Dietary	Record Room
Housekeeping	Nursing	Accounting	Social Service
5th Week Nov. 18, 1949			
Nursing	Electric Dept.	Social Service	Nursing Gen. F.
Housekeeping	Dietary	Accounting	Record Room
6th Week Nov. 25, 1949			
Housekeeping	Social Service	Electric Dept.	Dietary
Accounting	Nursing	Record Room	Nursing Gen. F.
7th Week Dec. 2, 1949			
Housekeeping	Nursing	Electric Dept.	Dietary
Social Service	Accounting	Nursing Gen. F.	Record Room

Housekeeping Department

Ida Rotgers, Matron, 25 Parkman; returned October 12 from a two month trip to Utrecht, Amsterdam, Holland. She was conducted on a tour through Queen Julianna's palace—a fine experience.

Mrs. Anne Budrick spent two weeks up in Warner, New Hampshire. Liked the place so well that they bought a camp for their future vacations.

Mary O'Flaherty, White 6, spent three months touring England and Ireland. She makes a strong claim to having kissed the Blarney Stone. So we expect to hear some Blarney.

Julia Hines enjoyed two weeks at Revere Beach.

Fred W. Pickard, caretaker at 27 Parkman, enjoyed two weeks at his camp at Hedding, New Hampshire.

Miss Bourgeois enjoyed a trip by auto to New Britain, Connecticut. Said the foliage was beautiful.

James Niland and family enjoyed two weeks at Old Orchard, Maine.

Dietary Bowling Team

The Dietary Team entered for the Bowling Tournament include: Louis Giangrande, Frank Campanello, Al Ricotelli, Tom Connolly, Vin Alesouskis, Jack Fraser, and Harold Hopkins.

Accounting Office Bowling Team

Seventy-five per cent of the Accounting Department are bowling this fall. They are aiming for a team of pros which will beat all comers. They include: Frances Hernan, Harold Emrich, John Sanderson, Lawrence Martin, Robert Mais, Evelyn MacMaster, Rose MacFarlane, Phyllis Stone, Jean Farrell, Virginia Corbin, Patricia Donahue, Ellen Murphy, Jerry Murphy, Marie Cumming, Zita Cumming, Clarus Kenney, Margaret Porter, Doris Harrison, Ernest Alexander, Michael Dzedovetz, Frank Adams, Beatrice Antonelli, John Mendes, Robert Morgan, John Sheehan, Rosemary Crowley, Ernest Zunino, Louise Paolucci, Joseph Inferrera, Phyllis Crowley, Eugene Cote, and John McSweeney.

Nursing Department

Priscilla Dash, a Ward Aide in the Emergency Ward, is wearing a diamond. The lucky boy is Walter Gaul. Wedding bells soon.

Another E. W. fellowworker has left the bachelors status. Mr. Robert Chapman was married in September and had a wonderful honeymoon on Prince Edward Island, Canada.

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Francis Sherburne Hill Directs E. & E. Infirmary

At the annual fall meeting of the Board of Managers and Corporation of the Massachusetts Eye and Ear Infirmary, held October 19, announcement was made of the appointment of Francis Sherburne Hill as Director of the Eye and Ear Infirmary. For the past four years Mr. Hill has served as Assistant Director under Dr. Faxon.

Mr. Hill, a native of Boston and its environs, was born on December 14, 1900 and attended local schools. He prepared for Harvard at Milton Academy and received his A.B. in 1924.

Prior to Mr. Hill's appointment in 1945, he was in the investment and manufacturing business. Between 1924 and 1941 he was with the First of Boston Corporation as office manager and in the sales department of the Shawmut Corporation, Wrenn Brothers and Tucker Anthony. In 1941 he joined the Star Brass Manufacturing Company as Treasurer, where he stayed until his appointment to the Infirmary.

As a representative of one of Boston's oldest hospitals, Mr. Hill has played an important part in the Community Fund drives of Greater Boston. In 1948 he was Chairman of the Health and Social Services Division and in 1949 served as Vice-Chairman. He has recently been elected to serve on the Nominating Committee of the United Community Services.

Mr. Hill maintains a personal membership in the American Hospital Association and the Massachusetts Hospital Association.

One of Mr. Hill's objectives in his four years at the Infirmary has been to modernize the hospital as a physical unit. His work has culminated in the beginning of the building program which started in August of this year. It will give the Infirmary a total of 200 beds, 65 of them to be semi-private and private rooms, half again the previous number. The operating rooms will be consolidated on two floors—one for the Eye and one for the Ear, Nose and Throat Service, the new nursery will occupy the fourth floor wing and a new 5th floor will be added. The Admitting Offices have already been reconstructed to give added privacy to patients and to offer a more efficient and mobile admission policy. The remodelling of rooms in the OPD to house the newly created Winthrop Foundation and the reconstruction of the X-ray Department and wards were completed during Mr. Hill's Assistant Directorship.

Mr. Francis S. Hill, newly elected Director of the Massachusetts Eye and Ear Infirmary.

Mr. Hill lives at 34 Glen Ridge Road, Dedham, with his wife, the former Evelyn Royce of Dedham and their three children, two girls aged 14 and 12 and a boy, eight. Mr. Hill is an ardent golfer and enjoys skiing with his children.

Although the Massachusetts General and the Infirmary now have separate directorships, they will continue to cooperate to give the community complete medical service.

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From Dr. Faxon

There are occasions when words are inadequate to express the depths of one's feelings. The evening of October 17th, 1949 was such an occasion for Mrs. Faxon and myself. The gathering of so many of our hospital friends and acquaintances. Your friendly greetings and the nice things that were said in the dining rooms and at the meeting in the Moseley Auditorium will never be forgotten. It is impossible to thank you all personally for your kindly farewells and for your contributions, which made possible the gifts of the portrait to Mrs. Faxon and of the lovely silver box to me, presents which will ever remind us of our happy years at the Massachusetts General Hospital. So let everyone of you take this public expression of our gratitude as if addressed directly to you personally.

Sincerely,
Nathaniel W. Faxon

Christmas Carols

Once again Christmas Carols will be sung by the Hospital employees for the benefit of patients. Rehearsals for the carols will begin early in December. Miss Eleanor Greenwood, who has been our leader the last two years, will be with us again. Those who wish to sing will get in touch with the Personnel Office.

Bowling Tournament

November 4, 1949

Massachusetts General Hospital League

TEAMS	WON	LOST	PIN FALL
Dietary	11	1	3063
Accounting	10	2	3035
Electric	8	4	2921
Housekeeping	6	6	2975
Technician	5	7	2866
Record Room	4	8	2767
Maintenance	2	10	2904
Nursing	2	10	2667

INDIVIDUAL AVERAGE

Name	Team	Pin Fall	Average	Name	Team	Pin Fall	Average
Giangrande, L.	Diet.	562	93.4	McManus, W.	Maint.	733	81.4
Zunino, E.	Acct.	556	92.4	Sheehan, J.	Acct.	727	80.7
Campanella, F.	Diet.	800	88.8	Lyons, B.	Tech.	724	80.
Mendes, J.	Acct.	787	87.4	Riley, K.	R. Rm.	716	79.5
Carlson, F.	Elec.	784	87.1	Inferrera, J.	Acct.	714	79.3
Kelly, J.	Hskpg.	775	86.1	Baldwin, J.	Elec.	712	79.1
Giggi, M.	Tech.	774	86.	Adams, R.	Hskpg.	474	79.
Alisouskis, W.	Diet.	771	85.6	Cloutier, W.	Nurs.	463	77.1
Fay, W.	Hskpg.	767	85.2	Farrell, L.	Nurs.	457	76.1
Maneikis, M.	R. Rm.	760	84.4	Lush, W.	Elec.	683	75.8
May, R.	Hskpg.	760	84.4	Green, S.	Nurs.	676	75.1
Tobin, J.	Maint.	760	84.4	Coutts, J.	R. Rm.	662	73.5
Ricotelli, A.	Diet.	759	84.3	Alfredson, B.	Maint.	659	73.2
Muolla, J.	Maint.	752	83.5	Rosen, M.	Nurs.	428	71.2
McLean, M.	Elec.	743	82.4	Magee, P.	R. Rm.	629	69.8
Hurley, E.	Tech.	739	82.1	Carpenter	Tech.	629	69.8

SPARES

Martin, L.	Acct.	251	83.2	Gaskin, P.	Hskpg.	199	66.1
Morin, E.	Nurs.	213	71.	Fraser, J.	Diet.	171	57.

RECORDS

HIGH TEAM SINGLE	397	Zunio, E. Acct.	OFFICIAL SCORER
HIGH SINGLE	116	Giangrande, L. Diet.	
HIGH 3 Strings	289	Dietary	E. J. Morin
HIGH TEAM TOTAL	1067	Dietary	

Veterans Language Clinic

Because of the number of men who received brain injuries resulting in aphasia while serving in World War II some plan for their rehabilitation became imperative. Thus the Veterans Administration installed two centers for treating these men, one in Van Nuys, California and one in Boston, Mass. The latter center is under the direction of Dr. Edwin M. Cole of Boston, National Consultant in Aphasia for the Veterans' Administration. Those patients who are able to receive treatment on an out-patient basis are enrolled in the Veterans Language Clinic of the M.G.H.

Treatment varies as types of aphasia differ in individual cases, but its first object is to free these men from the despair that engulfs them and to instill in them confidence in their own ability to regain the facilities which have been lost. Speech and the ability to understand what is being said are helped back by many methods. Reading and writing are painstakingly relearned. Simple arithmetic is studied. Occupational therapy and group singing are conducted as additional means of expression.

Operetta in Rehearsal

Rehearsals have begun for the Gilbert and Sullivan operetta "Iolanthe" which will be given by the Massachusetts General Hospital family after the holiday season. Miss Margot Warner is the coach for the production. The cast will include 35 people, the names of whom will be announced later.

Mrs. Edward Wadden, graduate nurse in General Hospital O. R., formerly Miss Esther Lane.

Mrs. Henry Reardon, Head Nurse on Bulfinch 3, formerly Miss Joan Allen.

Mrs. Thomas Meade, Jr., secretary to Dr. Joseph S. Barr, chief of Orthopedic Surgery, formerly Miss Elaine Carroll.

Above ——

FALL BRIDES

New names in M.G.H.

Mrs. Salvy Maselli, Adm. Sec. Office, formerly Miss Louise Dillion.

Below ——

Competing Bowling League Teams

L. to r., Maintenance—standing: F. Readon, W. McManus, J. J. Tobin, J. Muollo. L. to r., Dietary—seated: A. Ricotelli, W. Alisouskis, L. Giangrande, J. Fraser, F. Campanallo.

L. to r., Housekeeping—standing: J. Kelly, R. May, R. Adams, W. Fay. L. to r., Record Room—seated: M. Maneikis, J. Coutts, K. Riley, P. Magee, J. Flynn.

L. to r., Technician—standing: E. Hurley, D. Carpenter, B. Lyons, M. Giggi. L. to r., Nursing-seated: E. J. Morin, M. Rosen, S. Green, W. Cloutier, L. Farrell.

L. to r., Electric Department—standing: M. McClean, J. Baldwin, H. Laughlin, W. Lush, R. Carlson. L. to r., Accounting—seated: E. Alexander, J. Mendes, J. Inferrera, J. Sheehan, E. Zunino.

ABOUT FOLKS

"Improve Each Shining Hour"

Night Schools may not be as glamorous as night clubs but they are more profitable in the long-term view of things. Nearly a dozen of our ambitious Accounting Department force have enrolled for the winter at various Boston evening colleges. At the Bentley School of Accounting and Finance are Ernest Alexander, Robert Burns and Robert Mais, 4th year; Joseph McCue and Robert Morgan, 2nd year; Rosemary Crowley, Zita Cummings and Patricia Donahue, 1st year. Beatrice Antonelli is registered at Boston University School of Business Administration, and Phyllis Crowley at Comptometer School.

Eye and Ear Infirmary

The Infirmary ended 155% in its quota for the Community Fund Drive. Winner of the pennies was Edith Jean Conley of the Nursing Department. The pennies signified the number of people who gave to the Community Fund and was correctly guessed by Miss Conley as 259.

Nursing Department

One of the most colorful and successful Alumnae dances was held November fourth at the Hawthorne Room of the Parker House. The affair was graced by the presence of our New Director. Dr. Dean Clark and Mrs. Clark. Both the Nursing Department and House Staff were well represented.

Mrs. Elizabeth Warren had a most delightful reunion in England with her family. Her son was also home on leave from India. While traveling from Chester to London, she saw Queen Elizabeth and her party, whose behavior was just as gracious as her pictures.

The pediatric department is losing its head nurse, Miss Margaret M. McHugh, who is leaving for Columbia University to further her education.

Jerome Stewart, orderly, is receiving congratulations on the arrival of Jerome Jr.

By the Way

The fellow who sits and does just what he is told will never be told to do bigger things.

The germ of a better job is the job you are doing now.

You cannot fail if you resolutely determine that you will not.

Phillips House

Late vacations seem to have been popular at Phillips House this season.

Miss Miriam Huggard and Miss Helena McCarten, Supervisors of Nursing, have recently returned from autumn trips to Canada. Both told of the wonderful sight of a flock of more than one hundred thousand white wild geese, resting on the shores of the St. Lawrence River near Quebec.

Miss Mary Hay and Mrs. Katherine Gaynor also motored to Montreal and Quebec to enjoy the gorgeous foliage.

Miss Mary Gillis, too, had a pleasant jaunt to New Brunswick.

Miss Katherine Galvin, of the X-ray Department, had a fascinating flight to Havana, Cuba, where she spent a week touring the Island.

Phillips House Housekeeping

It is really an inspiring sight to watch faithful employees receive their pins of award for the service they have rendered the Hospital, some ten years, some twenty and some thirty. We are proud to have among our group three who have received pins for twenty years of service; namely, Mrs. Agnes Haskill, Mr. Lewis Felch and Mr. Donald MacKay. Each has been faithful and loyal during his service at M. G. H. The very best of luck to them and may they add more stars to their pins in the years to come.

Minna Elder

Record Room News

Margaret Ahearn, the gal who for years has been responsible for getting the right lab and X-ray reports on the right records has been on our sick list altogether too long for her many friends in the Record Room.

Miss Gwen Greene, the little lady who knows all the answers at the Information Desk of the OPD has announced her marriage. Gwen pulled a fast one during her vacation in Florida last March and on the 19th of that month became Mrs. Walter Rynkiewicz.

The following are students in the Medical Records School here: Sister Mary Cornelia Bak, Kathleen Curtis, Mildred Guyett, and Eleanor Shea.

R. H. Brooks

Community Chest
M. G. H. Makes Goal

Following a long standing tradition, the Massachusetts General Hospital met its goal given by the Community Chest in 1949 and went over the top with a total of $12,500. The gifts came from almost all the members of the Hospital family. There was a scattering of large gifts which were very welcome but the majority of the gifts were in amounts equalling one day's pay.

The campaign chairman was Dr. Ellsworth T. Neumann, Assistant Director. The campaign was characterized by a series of appeal letters sent to each individual in the hospital and ending with a letter of appreciation to all who gave.

Actual statistics reveal that Red Feather hospitals of Greater Boston which represent 75% of all voluntary hospital beds in this area, treated and discharged in one year: 7,209 persons with heart disease, 4,200 with cancer, 285 stricken with polio.

In the United States last year, heart disease was responsible for one of every four deaths.

Polio struck and paralyzed over 27,000 children and adults.

One out of every eight persons alive and healthy today will at some time become a victim of cancer.

What do such figures mean to the people at Massachusetts General Hospital?

A recent survey estimates that in the average organization more than 20% of the employes and their families, or one in five, are cared for in a single year by Red Feather hospitals. This means that these resources will be used by more than 400 people at Massachusetts General Hospital within the coming year.

In order that these hospitals may be prepared to provide service when needed, more than a million and a half dollars, raised by the Community Fund, is earmarked each year to keep these hospitals ready and able to fight heart disease, polio, cancer and many other afflictions.

The Massachusetts General Hospital is proud to have met its goal once again and to do its share in maintaining these community services.

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New Post Awaits Marion D. Floyd

Marion D. Floyd, Director Department of Dietetics and School of Dietetics

Marion D. Floyd has directed the Dietary Department of the Massachusetts General Hospital from its simple organization of a few employees and two dietitians through its development to its present complexity with 300 personnel including 20 staff dietitians and 22 dietetic interns.

She is a native New Englander—born in Boston—schooled in Newton and at Simmons College. After an internship at the Peter Bent Brigham Hospital, she came to Massachusetts General Hospital as Rosina Vance's administrative assistant. The dietary department was housed in the domestic building then and was responsible for the main kitchen, serving room, dining room and diet kitchen. These dietitians were teachers too and instructed student nurses and student dietitians who also received training in the then separate and distinct Phillips House and North End Diet Kitchen units.

Miss Floyd was appointed Chief Dietitian when Miss Vance resigned several years later—just before the Baker Memorial Hospital Dietary was completed. In 1930, during the depression, that kitchen and the Phillips House kitchen were combined and the department began to expand. An overcrowding of the dining rooms and available space in the Phillips House resulted in the inauguration of a pay cafeteria there.

That same year, 1934, a survey of the department resulted in the acquisition of the Food Store and Food Service to the Patients, and Miss Floyd was named supervising Dietary Director of the Eye and Ear Infirmary —then when the North End Diet Kitchen became an integral part of the Out Patient Department it also became a part of the Dietary Department.

Still growing—the department with the hospital looked to the future and its Chief Dietitian began work with the architects planning the dietary layout in the White Building. Such a tremendous assignment—with results that speak for themselves and attract admiring and envious visitors from all over the country. There was little

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Nursing Department Party

The Nursing Departments of the General and Baker Memorial Hospitals are having a Christmas Party in the East Cafeteria on Thursday, December 15 from 7:30 to 10:30 p.m. Santa Claus will appear in person—and in action—and there will be a program of entertainment.

Dietary Department Party

Charles Kavanaugh is the Chairman of the Dietary Christmas party to be held Tuesday, December 20 at 7:30 p.m. in the East Cafeteria. Mr. Kavanaugh and his cohorts are planing an entertaining evening in which Santa Claus is expected to have a leading part.

Dr. Haase Director Nathal Littauer Hospital

Dr. Ferdinand Haase, Jr. is now Director of the Nathan Littauer Hospital in Gloversville, New York.

Dr. Ferdinand Hasse, Jr., Assistant Director in charge of the Baker Memorial since January 9, 1948 resigned his post here in October to assume the directorship of the Nathal Littauer Hospital in Gloversville, New York.

Dr. Haase, graduate of Yale College and Harvard Medical School, came to the Massachusetts General Hospital as an Assistant Director on April 1, 1944 after serving an internship at the Children's Hospital in Boston and an assistant residency at the Children's Hospital, Buffalo, New York. His first assignment here was as Assistant Director in charge of the Out-Patient Department. While there he took active participation in the planning of the new Vincent-Burnham Building.

Iolanthe

Rehearsals for the Gilbert and Sullivan operetta, Iolanthe, are being held every Monday from 4:30 to 7:30 p.m. All parts for girls—both leads and chorus—are filled. There are still openings for men.

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Hospital Chaplains

The Rev. Rollin J. Fairbanks has resigned as Protestant Chaplain at the Massachusetts General Hospital, effective December 31, in order to devote more time to teaching and writing. He will be succeeded by Chaplain James H. Burns who has been associated with him for the past three years.

MISS FLOYD

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time to enjoy the White Building and its new cafeterias before the war came and taxed all phases of our food service.

Miss Floyd's staff persevered, however, and M.G.H. was and is proud of the good table it serves to both patients and personnel.

During these years the department has sent 450 graduate dietitians to all parts of the country and abroad. It has been represented locally, in the state, and nationally by Miss Floyd's active role in greater Boston dietetics, Massachusetts Dietetic Association and the American Dietetic Association.

Now she turns to U. S. Public Health. It was with sincere regret that the Board of Trustees read and accepted her resignation on October 28, 1949. The entire M.G.H. family wish her well as she accepts her new assignment the first of the year as Chief of the Dietetic Section, Division of Hospitals, United States Department of Public Health, Washington, D.C.

Miss Ruth Steglich, chief of the Occupational Division of the Physical Medicine Department who has just completed a six months' trip abroad.

Letter from Ruth Steglich O.T.

I left the halls of M.G.H. on June 20th, and sailed aboard the DeGrasse on July 7th. A small ship, of the French line, she sailed out of New York City with aplomb and we were embarked on a nine day feast. The French really know how to whip things up in the kitchen, with the exception of coffee, and what they do to that commodity I never dared ask. We sighted land on July 15th, the south coast of Cornwall, England, and during the night we docked in Le-Havre. By 6:00 a.m. the following day we had crawled from our cabins for the boat-train to Paris. Arriving at the St. Nazare station, we discovered bedlam, everyone was throwing their suitcases from the train windows, something I had never seen in this country, and with which I could not compete.

We were finally rescued and arrived at our pension for a glorious week in Paris. This city lived up to all my expectations, lovely buildings, well planned and laid out with the Seine lacing its way through. Our week was seemingly short, and we boarded an early morning train for Switzerland. During the week we traveled from Montreux, Berne, Lucerne, Interlaken, Lugano to Basle, and I lost my heart to the magnificent grandeur that is Switzerland. It would take many pages to enumerate all we saw and did while there, but each day unfolded with a new and exciting experience.

From Basle, we went on to Cologne where we stayed with friends for a week. This experience was invaluable in many respects. Certainly one can only see and understand a country if he knows the people, the way they think and live. This we were fortunate to do both in Germany and in Holland where we again stayed with friends in Rotterdam.

The six weeks on the continent flew by, and by August 10th we had returned to England and I traveled north immediately and sailed, aboard the Stella Polaris, for a two weeks cruise to Norway, Sweden and Denmark. These countries all deserve an article themselves. The country reminded me very much of New England in many respects, but we did not travel beyond Bergen, Norway and so really skirted the southern shores. Oslo, Copenhagen and Stockholm are all charming in their individual ways—Copenhagen for its vitality, Stockholm for its luxury and well blended modern architecture and Oslo for the stimulating atmosphere that the University throws upon the city. These two weeks flew by all too quickly, and we returned to England via Tilbury.

During the months of September and October I made my headquarters London, making many side trips into the English countryside and up to the Western Highlands of Scotland and the island of Skye. Of this week in Skye I couldn't say enough for it was truly a magic isle with its heather and bracken covered hills.

While staying in London I visited many Occupational Therapy departments and schools of Occupational Therapy, both in the city and surrounding country. On October 22 I boarded the Ile de France for the 3,000 mile trip back to the U.S.A. It was a faster journey to the shores of home and, in company with many others, I stood on deck waiting for a glimpse of the Statue of Liberty, the smaller counterpart of which stands looking down the Seine.

Ruth Steglich

Our Dining Rooms Are Your Dining Rooms!

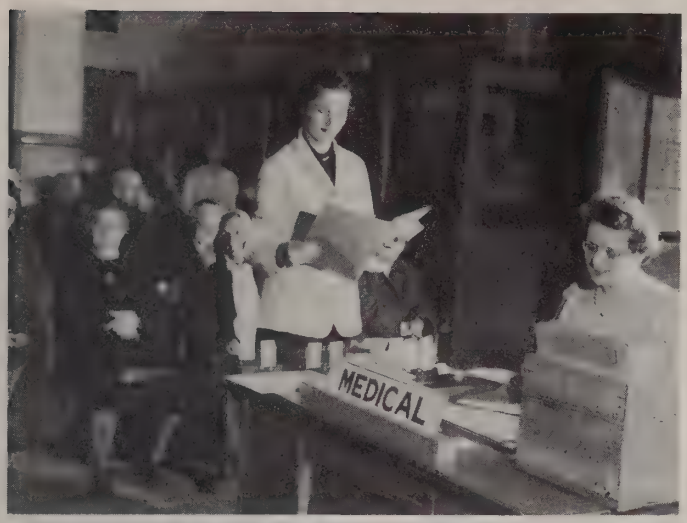
Will you not help us to keep them pleasing to all guests by taking your trays to the dish window or to the tray trucks?

The paper napkins, paper bags, empty milk bottles, cups, saucers, etc., you leave do not make the place too inviting for the next person!

We would appreciate your cooperation on this mutual problem.

The Dietary Department

Volunteer Service At M.G.H.



MRS. RICHARD T. CUNNIFF
assists Mrs. Bertha Burnham in one of the twenty clinics where volunteers work in the O.P.D.

LOUISE A. PHILLIPS,
Red Cross Nurses' Aide, charts patient's record in Baker Memorial. The aides work in the O.P.D., Gyn. and Tumor Clinics and the General Hospital Wards.

BARBARA E. HENDERSON
plays checkers with Joyce Sanborn, a patient in the Children's Clinic. Volunteers also do Diversional Therapy work in Burnham 5.

MRS. HARRY GOODMAN,
Red Cross Gray Lady, assists in the Blood Bank. Gray Ladies work in the Clinics, Nursing Auxiliary Service, Baker, Chaplains Office, Accounting Department, and General Hospital.

JUNE E. FISH
dry mounts pictures in the Photo Lab. Volunteers work as clerical assistants in offices and laboratories.

ABOUT FOLKS

Massachusetts Eye and Ear Infirmary

This year the Christmas Party for the Infirmary family will be combined with a farewell to Dr. Nathaniel W. Faxon and presentation of a gift to him by the employees and governing boards of the Infirmary in appreciation of his 15 years service as Director of the Massachusetts Eye and Ear Infirmary. Dr. Faxon's gift is a ship's clock, chosen because of his interest and pleasure in nautical life.

The celebration will take place on December 21 at 3 P.M. in the Ear, Nose and Throat Clinic of the OPD. A program of carol singing, skits, an invocation by one of the hospital Chaplains and presentation of the gift will be followed by refreshments.

Serving on the Committee are Miss Walborg Petersen, Chairman, Miss Eileen Gilmartin, 1st assistant, Dr. Robert Trotter who will act as Master of Ceremonies, Miss Patricia Howe, Miss Phyllis Brown, Miss Elsie Salmi, Mrs. Alice Sidley, and Mrs. Alberta Caton with an Advisory Committee of Miss Dorothy Tarbox, Miss A. M. Robertson and Mrs. Virginia Gerould. Mrs. Blanche G. Allen will be in charge of the music.

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Ann Compton has returned to the Social Service Department after 6 months abroad where she visited in France, Italy, the Netherlands, Sweden, and the British Isles.

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Their first child, Kenneth, was born to Dr. and Mrs. Morris Sherman on November 23. Dr. Sherman is a House Officer on the Ear, Nose and Throat Service.

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Dr. John J. Shea and his wife are spending their two weeks vacation in Tennessee where they are visiting both their parents.

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Janet Haskell, technician in the Howe Laboratory, was married October 30 to Charles B. Park at the First (Unitarian) Parish in Cambridge.

The House Officers flat in Gardner is being redecorated with the help and financial support of the Ladies Visiting Committee. A wall between two small rooms has been knocked out to make a more spacious living room for the doctors.

Dietary Tidbits

Baker Memorial has two new Dietitians on its Staff. We welcome Miss Valerie Dubney and Miss Poppy Gomatos.

Grace Varella of Nurses' Cafeteria is fairly well recovered from the illness which kept her in Vincent Burnham. She is deeply appreciative of the thoughtful attentions of her many friends.

Joe DiSimone has returned to his job in Baker Memorial kitchen after a leave of absence to visit his home in Italy. Joe's previous trip was in 1929 and he was very conscious of the changes that war's destructive fingers had wrought since then.

Catherine Goudey of Baker Dietary has been ill. We hope that she will be well enough to return to duty soon.

We hear that Clarisse Warren has been faithfully attentive to the needs of the Ladies' Visiting Committee during their weekly Monday afternoon teas.

Eleanor McDonald of West Pay was able to shed the cast (on her right arm) which she was obliged to wear for so many weeks.

The Dietary Personnel are preparing, with their usual enthusiasm, for the coming of Christmas.

Crochet and knitting needles are working overtime. Shopping trophies are discussed but not too freely, of course. Grab Bags are already planned and ready for action at the proper time.

The "Grandparents' League" has some news too—Bella Dorman has just become not a grandmother, but a great-grandmother of twins, and Mrs. Gates of White Kitchen has a new granddaughter, Dianne.

An Invitation

We'd like to tell you about all the changes in the Food Store—but you can not really appreciate them unless you look at the new paint, the lighting plan, etc. We'd be pleased to have you see the store during the afternoons of December 29 and 30 between 3 and 5 p.m. when we'll hold "open house".

Baker Memorial

Evelyn D'Angelo of Baker Operating Room is leaving in early February to resume her classes at Household Nursing.

Constance King, a Ward Helper on Baker 6, is leaving the 19th of January to go back to school. She will enter a school of Nursing in September.

Jacqueline Fishel, Assistant Head Nurse on Baker 7, is leaving in early January to be married to Mr. James Leabman, from Hatboro, Penna.

Miss Ann Coviello wishes to thank everyone on Baker 4, who has been so kind to her while in the hospital.

Miss Welch on Baker 4 is spending Christmas with her sister in Marblehead.

Miss Arrison, Baker Aide, is sick and won't be back until the first of the year. We'll all be glad to see her again.

Miss Jean Vining is recuperating after an operation in Baker; she will be back with us in February.

Miss Sarah Bickford, Aide Supervisor, is leaving to be married. She will be back with us in February after a brief honeymoon in the South.

Mrs. Ann Berlin is taking Miss Coviello's place during her illness.

Accounting

John Eugene McSweeney, of Lynn, one of the M.G.H.'s General Cashiers, has returned from his wedding trip. On Nov. 12th, he and Miss Isabelle Adelaide Whitmore were married in Lynn.

Richard Healey, a graduate of Bentleys School of Accounting and Finance, is now a member of the Emergency Ward Cashiers.

The Baker Cashiers have added Mary Crehan to their force. She is a talented member of the "Pilate's Daughter" cast, playing the role of Claudia Proclea.

Housekeeping

Mr. James Shaw has been hospitalized for the past month with arthritis. Hurry back Mr. Shaw we all miss you.

Harry Kerkbeshian, White Building porter, is recovering from a hernia operation.

Savalatore Ippolito, Bulfinch elevator operator, is recovering from an operation and will be back with us Dec. 5.

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M. G. H. Trustees Break Ground For New Research Building

Breaking ground for the new Research Building on Friday, December 30. Left to right, back row: Dr. Gerado M. Balboni, Mr. Nye for the Turner Construction Company, Young Stephen Clark, Dr. Charles L. Clay, Dr. Dean Clark, Mr. Francis Gray, Mr. John R. Macomber, Mr. Charles V. Bulfinch; front row: Mr Phillips Ketcham, Mr. Ralph Lowell and Mr. Henry R. Shepley.

Miss Hatch, Acting Dietary Head

Miss Louise Hatch, Administrative Dietitian with Miss Marion D. Floyd is now also Acting Director of the Dietary Department and will carry the responsibilities of both jobs.

Ever since Miss Hatch graduated from Columbia University she has been in Hospital Dietetics. She took her internship at Beth Israel Hospital in Boston and then joined the Nutrition Staff at the New York Hospital where she served until 1945.

Her first position here was in the Phillips House and, as Staff changes occurred, she worked in Baker Memorial and the Food Store.

Miss Hatch is a New Englander by birth and ancestry. She uses an inexhaustible fund of native energy, solving with efficiency the never ending problems that are an inevitable part of an operation as big as our Dietary Department.

Bowling League Dinner

The Bowling League Planning Board announces that their Dinner is to be held at Blinstrub's Village on Thursday evening, February 2, 1950, at which time the Trophy will be presented by a member of administration to the winning team. Tickets are $2.50 each, and since a very limited number is available please make your reservations early.

For tickets see: Mr. Adams, housekeeping Rose Brooks, record room; Mr. Cote, bookkeeping; Jack Frazer, dietary; Mr. Moran, nursing; Mr. Stewart, electrical shop, Mrs. McCoy, Personnel.

Miss Frances Hernan New Credit Manager

Dr. Dean A. Clark has announced that Miss Hernan, who holds important offices in various National Credit Groups, has been appointed to the position of Credit Manager of the M.G.H.

With congratulations on her new position went a very lovely onyx desk set, presented by Mr. Harold Emrich on behalf of the Accounting Department and Cashiers. From the Comptroller's office and Tabulating Department came red American beauty roses, and orchids from Accounting and cashiers.

On December 14th, in the Nurses' Cafeteria, the Accounting Department gathered in force to enjoy their annual Christmas Party given by Miss Frances Hernan, Chief Accountant. Special guests included Dr. Dean A. Clark, General Director of the M.G.H., 1st Assistant Director, Dr. Charles L. Clay, Assistant Directors, Dr. Ellsworth T. Neumann and Dr. Joseph L. Lichty, Miss Ann M. Robertson, Assistant Director of the Massachusetts Eye and Ear Infirmary, Mr. Russell Greenhood, Comptroller, and Representatives from the various Admitting Offices and the Eye and Ear Infirmary.

While refreshments were being served, a gay musical background was supplied by Miss Beatrice Antonelli with her piano accordion. Individual grabs were then drawn from a huge Jack-Horner-Pie, and the door prizes were won by Dr. Dean A. Clark, John McSweeney from General Cashiers, Miss Elizabeth Shea, of Baker Memorial Cashiers, and Miss Ann Heuard, from Eye & Ear Cashiers. Afterwards, the group joined in singing Christmas Carols with Mr. Harold Emrich accompanying.

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Research

We are proud of the developments in the cure and prevention of the diseases of mankind which have been contributed by this hospital. The research now under way directed toward cancer, heart disease and arthritis is in the nature of one of the great battles of all ages. We—all of us—have a share in these projects, whether as carriers of water, hewers of wood, polishers of shields or fighters in the front line trenches.

This is an invitation to all the hospital family to take part in a special research study; a study of your job aimed at replacing hard slow methods by quick easy methods. This requires thought and effort. You may also make suggestions about other jobs. Those who think, and contribute effort and ideas toward efficiency, will be recognized.

We, all of us, have a responsibility in the study of cause and effect. Aiming toward an efficient organization, with the least possible waste of effort and material, we can study our job operations, and the relation of one job to another, with an eye to a saving of motion and time.

Many Hours Service

On January 19, 1950, William Barroll completed seven years of volunteer service at the Massachusetts General Hospital with a total of 11,764 hours. This long and generous service is appreciated by the Hospital and by those in Vincent-Burnham.

New Honor for Edith Parris

Miss Edith Parris, now managing editor of the Journal of National Cancer Institute of Bethesda, Maryland.

Sometimes an individual appears who has that rare gift of dealing with others, regardless of their social status, as human beings, believing them of significance by that fact alone. In fields of research, to have this ability often means the difference between having or not having a key to the library stacks as truly as in the realm of politics. Its power recurrently instigates personal victory without benefit of party. It is one of those dynamic human qualities which, through persistent effort and understanding affects trust with the hierachies and maintains faith with the lessers.

Of such mettle is Miss Edith Parris who, at the age of seventeen, began a career which now reads like a travelogue.

Beginning as an office secretary in the Pathology Department of M.G.H., she early proved her competence. But as the young department grew, its needs grew. Consequently, to the aspiring and now distinguished pathologist, Dr. Tracy Mallory, it became evident that Miss Parris' enthusiasm and ability might well be transferred from the office to the laboratory. Therefore, she was trained as a technician in clinical research—a training that has served her and the department to good advantage.

From then on, her willing acceptance of further responsibilities, especially numerous during the war, gradually led up to the assistant editorship of the internationally known Cabot Case Records. These are composed of cases reviewed by noted doctors at the weekly clinical pathological conferences of M.G.H. and which appear regularly in the publication, The New England Journal of Medicine. To transcribe these reports with accuracy and verve requires a skill of unusual merit.

Along with her editorial duties, she has supervised the departments of pathology and bacteriology, at the same time keeping a constant interest in many other laboratories throughout the hospital. For several years she has served as an executive secretary under Doctor Mallory. During that period she did not fail, in spite of pressing responsibilities, to understand and cope with the various human problems inherent in the personnel.

It was therefore with deep regret that Doctor Mallory accepted her resignation of last November, 1949.

Subsequently, on December 1, Miss Parris began a new assignment of no little responsibility as managing editor of the Journal of the National Cancer Institute at Bethesda, Maryland.

To her who has been a loyal, conscientious participant in the Pathology Department of the hospital through the many phases of its development, sincere greetings and best wishes for a successful New Year are extended by all her friends and acquaintances of M.G.H. B. B.

Massachusetts Eye and Ear Infirmary

Miss Kathleen Foreman, former Orthoptic Technician in the Eye Clinic was married on December 26, 1949 to Dr. Tom Rambo, former resident on the Oto-laryngological Service.

Dr. Luis Navas, resident on the Ear Service, flew to Leon, Nicaragua on December 28 to be present at his parents 50th Wedding Anniversary. Dr. Navas family came from all over the world to attend the celebration.

Mrs. Deborah Hutchinson has resigned her position as Director of Occupational Therapy. Miss Patricia Howe, formerly assistant to Mrs. Hutchinson, will take over as the new Director with Miss Jean Zickell, a graduate of the Boston School of Occupational Therapy, as her assistant.

Elizabeth Dineen is a new addition to the staff in the Admitting Clerk's office. She replaces Mrs. Margaret Brown who has left the Infirmary.

T. Parker Clarke, Head of Linen Control, Laundry and Sewing Room, with many plans for future development.

Mr. Henry Murphy, Administrative Assistant in charge of Housekeeping, forward-looking executive who brings to his department years of experience in the hotel field.

Mr. William J. MacNair, assistant to Mr. Henry Murphy, in Housekeeping Department. Mr. MacNair has been supervisor of orderlies at Baker Memorial for 20 years and is a graduate of M. G. H.

CHANGES AT M. G. H.

Miss Louise Hatch, Acting Dietitian and Administrative Dietitian.

Miss Beatrice E. Fowlow, former Housekeeper in Baker Memorial, now Executive Housekeeper in the County Hospital, Ridgefield, N. J.

CHRISTMAS PARTIES

Guests at Christmas party given by Miss Frances Hernan, left to right: Miss Frances Hernan, Dr. Charles L. Clay, Dr. Joseph Lichty, Dr. Dean Clark, Mrs. Constance Braman, Miss Estelle Svenson, Miss Christine Mekkelsen, Mr. E. Russell Greenhood, Dr. Ellsworth Neumann.

Christmas Party of the Medical Art Department

Christmas Party of Maintenance Department

ABOUT FOLKS

Phillips House

Mid-winter vacations have been very popular around Phillips House.

Recently Miss Catherine Carleton had a gay week-end in New York where she saw many of the new shows. Her assistant, Miss Margaret Murphy, went to her home in Clinton for the Christmas holidays.

Miss Katherine and Miss Edna Logan returned to their home in Canada for the Yule-time festivities.

Miss Virginia Goodwin is sporting a nice new diamond. We hope she is not planning to leave us soon!

Marjorie Munn, a new ward helper from the Massachusetts School of Art, spent the holidays with her family in Pittsfield.

Phillips House Housekeeping

Helen Kaminski is well on the road to recovery since fracturing several ribs around Thanksgiving time.

We are happy Catherine Gallagher has returned to her duties after several days of absence.

Mrs. Reddy of P. H. O.R. is looking well after a major operation in Vincent Memorial. Welcome back.

Bob Agnew spent the New Year's holidays with his mother in their New York home.

Accounting Department

Joseph P. Inferrara of the Accounting Department, shared a very unusual Christmas gift with his Mother this year. After a forty year separation, his mother's sister arrived from Italy on Christmas Eve for a joyous reunion.

Mrs. Clarus Kenney of the Phillips House Cashiers is wearing a new engagement ring since New Years Eve. Her fiance is Mr. Martin McKeon. Congratulations!

Baker Memorial Aides

Miss Marjorie Shaw, former member of the editorial board of The World has recently left us. We were as sorry to see her go as she was to leave.

Miss Edna Harrison, our new Baker Memorial Hospital Aides representative, has a friend in India to whom she sends the M.G.H. World. Miss Gem Paulickpulle, who was a student here in America, returned to her native Ceylon two years ago.

Record Room News

Gertrude MacMillan (Filing Room) announced the date of her marriage. On January 1, 1950 Gert became Mrs. William Kirwin, Jr.

Gracia Bradstreet (Filing Room) is on the Sick List. We hope she will soon be well and back at her familiar post.

Sympathy is extended to Theresa Balboni (Filing Room) in the sudden death of her father on November 28th.

If you would like to see how pretty gray can be, ask Margaret Bergamasco (Copy Room) to wear her gray dress.

Attention Bowling League: We have received word that Margaret Ahearn who has been on our Sick List, was the champ bowler at her previous place of employment and won a prize. Watch out for us next year fellers! We're gonna have Mag on our team.

Betty Brogna (Reading Room) and Edith Palmer are wearing the "New Look" hairdo. Cute too.

R. H. Brooks

MASSACHUSETTS GENERAL HOSPITAL LEAGUE

as of January 6—1950

Teams	*Won*	*Lost*	*Pin*	*Fall*
Dietary	38	6	11548	
Housekeeping	32	12	11144	
Accounting	27	17	11051	
Electric	21	23	10656	
Maintenance	19	25	10859	
Record Room	17	27	10305	
Technician	16	28	10376	
Nursing	6	38	10087	

RECORDS

High Single	120	May, R. Hskpg.
High 3 Strings	303	Campanella, F. Diet.
High Team Single	397	Dietary
High Team Total	1117	Dietary

E. J. Morin, Official Scorer

Hamilton Parking Prize

The Ford car license number 35397 owned by Dr. Allan Butler was awarded first prize for good parking for the year 1949. The prize, which was a one-pound box of Page and Shaw candy, was presented to Miss Elsie MacLachlan who frequently drives the car. George E. Hamilton, in charge of the Doctor's Parking Yard, donor of the prize, made the presentation.

Careful and efficient parking throughout the year brought about this award.

Dietary Tidbits

Christmas in our Department was all that Christmas should be—full of external indications of the spirit of the season. Grab bags were the popular medium of exchange of gifts and from all reports the gifts were generally well chosen and suitable.

Nurses' Cafeteria for the second year, acknowledged the Holiday spirit by wearing attractive little crocheted Holly wreaths with a small tinkling bell attached to a red bow. The wreaths were the handiwork and gift of Cora Coleman.

There were prettily trimmed artificial Christmas trees and Christmas plants as well as the gay and varied decorations on the glass of every door to create a "Merry Christmas" mood for all who shared the Hospital's gift of a Christmas dinner to all personnel who were obliged to be here on the holiday.

Our grandparents league report should have included mention of a baby girl whose proud grandmother is Jessica Allison in Nurses' Cafeteria.

Baker Memorial

We are glad to welcome back to Baker, after two years' absence in Texas, Miss Bertha MacNeil, who is now assistant head nurse.

We welcome Miss Coviello back at her desk on Baker 4.

Miss Mary Elizabeth Jones is to be married soon to Mr. Charles H. Hauch of Rhode Island. Mr. Hauch is a student at Boston University.

O. P. D.

As of January 3rd, 1950, Dr. Joseph S. Lichty became Assistant Director of Baker, so Miss Margaret Meenan is now temporarily taking charge of the O.P.D. During this change, Miss Martha Davidson is taking over Miss Meenan's position, Executive Assistant, and Miss Florence Gerberti is in charge of the Admitting Office. Miss Thelma Cogswell is now in the Admitting field.

At a party given by the Admitting Force to Dr. Lichty and his secretary, Miss Devine, the doctor was presented with a Desk Style Fountain Pen and a Cigarette Lighter to his secretary.

The Veteran's Administration Rating Examinations, a new department, was started Jan. 9th, 1950. At a later date we hope to report more about this work.

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Dietary Dept. Winners in Bowling Tournament

The Bowling League Dinner at Blinstrubs Village in South Boston on Thursday, February 2, was a gay event, marking the end of the Bowling Tournament. Guests of the League were Dr. and Mrs. Dean A. Clark and the members of the winning Dietary team. Victor Alisouskas, Frank Campanella, Alex Ricotelli, Louis Giangrande, Jack Fraser and William Prentice. Dr. Clark made the award of the Bowling Trophy with a congratulatory speech and Jack Fraser received the honor for the Dietary Department with expressions of appreciation and amid much applause.

The Trophy is the gift of an anonymous donor. It is a gold replica of a bowling man in action on top of a tiered pedestal. A plaque at the base reads: "The Massachusetts General Hospital Bowling League. Founded 1949". Another plaque on the face of the pedestal reads: "Winners" and underneath, "Dietary Department". It is the possession of the Dietary Department for this year and will be defended by them next year.

The evening at Blinstrubs Village included dancing, dinner music and a floor show.

Winning Team with Dr. Clark presenting Trophy to Jack Fraser. Left to right: V. Alisouskas, L. Giangrande, Dr. D. A. Clark, J. Fraser, Captain, F. Campanella and A. Ricotelli

E. and E. Blue Cross and Blue Shield

The opportunity to join the Blue Cross and Blue Shield Health Programs will be available at the Infirmary only until March 1 and everyone is urged to take advantage of this offer in order to make our registration as great as possible. Applications, if not already made, may be done so through Miss Brown in the Secretaries Office. Unless we enroll 35% of the Infirmary employees, the Blue Shield plan will not be accepted by the Massachusetts Medical Service.

Blue Cross and Blue Shield Opening For M.G.H.

A general opening for Blue Cross and Blue Shield memberships has been arranged with the Massachusetts Hospital Service, Inc., for early in April. New benefits will be available for members as of March first of this year. Notices of dates of the opening and literature which tells the story of these two services will be placed in the hands of the hospital family before the opening date.

Iolanthe

Members of the "Iolanthe" cast are requested to attend all rehearsals from now on. The dates of April 12 and 13 have been selected for giving the performance at the Elizabeth Peabody Play House.

Credit Union

A petition has been filed with Commission of Banks for permission to form the M. G. H. Credit Union. This followed a meeting of some of those who have signified interest in such a project with Miss Clara A. Iovino, executive secretary of the Credit Union League of Massachusetts, Inc. Those signing the petition for a charter included: William H. Stewart, Thomas Connolly, Grace Varella, Raymond V. Kinsman, Eugene H. Cote, Marion L. Frost, Evelyn Dalton, Lois D. McCoy, Allen H. Mathewson, Janice F. Vose, Harold L. Emrich, Margery Crothers, T. Parker Clarke, Dean A. Clark, M.D., Frances Hennessey, Rose H. Brooks, Martha L. Davidson, Gertrude Devine, Peter S. Gaskins, Henry J. Murphy, Ellsworth T. Neumann, M.D.

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Cost Study

Do you know that, within the hospital, a study aimed at cost of services, departments, space, maintenance and so on is being carried on? Of course the hospital secures this type of information regularly. This study, however, is especially searching. It is so coordinated that overlapping functions may be spotted, weak places located.

In line with the cost study is an analysis of patient care. It is found that some towns and cities habitually do not pay us the full cost of medical care for those for whom they have assumed responsibility. An effort is under way to find means of getting towns and cities to face up to this situation and do their share in paying bills justly attributable to them.

In plain words, the hospital is doing an intensive housekeeping job in cleaning up tags and ends that develop in any long growing institution. Its object is to have an efficient organization, smoothly running. It is expected also, in this process, to find ways of saving money. Added funds to be used for the hospital's three objectives, care of the sick, teaching and research are needed. Added funds available for payroll increases will affect all of us.

We can help in this hospital-wide study by analyzing our own jobs, finding ways of doing them more effectively, making suggestions either to our supervisors or through the Suggestion Boxes.

A good listener is not only popular —after a while he learns something.

Final Score, M.G.H. Bowling League

Teams	Won	Lost	Pin Fall
Dietary	47	9	14702
Housekeeping	38	18	14212
Accounting	34	22	14015
Maintenance	28	28	13880
Electric	27	29	13790
Technician	21	35	13164
Record Room	17	39	13118
Nursing	12	44	12837

RECORDS

High Single—120—May, R., Hskpg.—Zunino, E., Acct.
High 3 Strings—314—Zunino, E., Acct.
High Team Single—402—Accounting
High Team Total—117—Dietary

INDIVIDUAL AVERAGE

Name	Team	Pin Fall	Average	Name	Team	Pin Fall	Average
Alisouskas, V.	Diet.	3594	92.15	Adams, R.	Hskpg.	2948	81.89
Campanella, F.	Diet.	3540	90.77	Inferrera, J.	Acct.	3188	81.74
Zunino, E.	Acct.	3478	89.18	Hurley, E.	Tech.	2195	81.30
Giangrande, E.	Diet.	2656	88.53	McManus, W.	Main.	3155	80.90
Kelly, J.	Hskp.	3710	88.33	Lush, W.	Elec.	3380	80.88
Tobin, J. J.	Main.	3684	87.71	Riley, K.	R. Rm.	3114	79.85
Ricotelli, A.	Diet.	3223	87.11	Green, S.	Nurs.	3108	79.69
Fay, W.	Hskp.	3372	86.46	Alfredson, B.	Maint.	3091	79 26
May, R.	Hskp.	3590	85.48	Sheehan, J.	Acct.	2120	78.52
Carlson, F.	Elec.	1023	85.25	Baldwin, J.	Elec.	3062	78.51
Maneikis, M.	R. Rm.	3536	84.19	Coutts, J.	R. Rm.	3283	78.40
Giggi, M.	Tech.	3535	84.17	Farrell, L.	Nurs.	1440	77.78
McLean, M.	Elec.	3530	84.05	Cloutier, W.	Nurs.	2447	76.47
Muollo, J.	Main.	3194	84.05	Rosen, M.	Nurs.	2678	74.39
Mendes, J.	Acct.	3507	83.50	Magee, P.	R. Rm.	2651	71.65
Lyons, E.	Tech.	3454	82.24	Carpenter, D.	Tech.	2973	70.79

SPARES

Morris, M.	Nurs.	262	87.33	Sampson, M.	Nurs.	1330	73.69
Martin, L.	Acct.	251	83.67	Fraser, J.	Diet.	1693	73.17
Alexander, E.	Acct.	1464	81.33	Niland, W.	Tech.	1082	72.13
Laughlin, H.	Elec.	1908	79.42	Prentice, B.	Diet.	205	68.33
Reardon, F.	Main.	473	78.83	Gaskin, P.	Hskp.	199	66.33
Morin, E.	Nurs.	962	74.	Flynn, J.	R. Rm.	530	66.25
				Pinky	Nurs.	184	61.33

January 27, 1950 — Official Scorer: E. J. Morin

'Ware Accidents

The Industrial Accidents and Workmen's Compensation Department of the Massachusetts General Hospital report the following analysis of lost time injuries of employees covered by the Workmen's Compensation Act for the year November 15, 1948 to November 15, 1949.

Man hours worked were 4,131,812, lost time accidents were 38, frequency rate—9.2 per 1,000,000 man hours, severity rate—0.090 days per 1000 man hours. Accidents came under the following headings: transportation of equipment, handling of materials, falls, striking against objects, hand tools, struck by objects and burns. There were totals of 38 accidents, 370 days lost and a cost of $1,893.23.

An analysis of industrial accidents where no time was lost, for the same period showed the following causes: transportation of equipment, handling materials, falls, striking against objects, falling objects, hand tools, struck by objects, burns, other machines and miscellaneous causes with a total of 249.

There were 445 accidents on duty, 55 lost time accidents and 397 working days lost.

Dr. Faxon's Portrait Hung

The Administrative Staff corridor has more than its regular quota of visitors these days. One by one or in groups, members of the hospital family are finding their way to where Dr. Faxon's portrait hangs between the office of Dr Charles L. Clay and the Trustees' Room. The comments rate it — excellent likeness of Dr. Faxon.

You have acquired much wisdom when you have learned how to enjoy life without having to spend money for your fun.

Tread Gently

Tread gently, lightly, through these halls,
Lives hang by such a fragile thread
Between the living and the dead
Wavering before the final choice.
Softly speak, gently; lest the accents of our voice
Should startle them, and they should slip away
While those who love them plead for them to stay.

By A Sister of Mercy, now unknown

Sitting: Helen McCoy, Eleanor Harrington, Margaret Bergamasco, Mary Paone, Rose Brooks, Joseph Inferrera, Shirley Klotz. Second row, standing, left to right: Virginia Warren, Joan Flynn, Kay Riley, Joan Coutts, Pauline McGee, Mildred Maneikis, Marjorie Aughe, Betty Brogna, Mrs. Eugene Cote, Mrs. Ernest Alexander, Mr. Ernest Alexander. Third row, standing: Mr. Joseph McSweeney, Mrs. Joseph McSweeney, Eugene Cote, Mrs. Ernest Zunino, and Mr. Ernest Zunino.

HOUSE OFFICERS AT THE INFIRMARY AS OF JANUARY 1, 1950

Back Row, l. to r., Woodward, Lavoie, Trotter, Mancall, Brockhurst, King. Second Row, Adams, Dietrich, Haley, Posner, T. Smith, Nachlas, Breed. Front Row, Sherman, Angelini, Lane, Cronin, Navas, W. Smith. Missing, Shea.

Simeon R. Gagne

Age 34, was born in Willimantic, Connecticut. He is self-taught but has received help from a West Coast writer and educator, Dr. Harrison Walker Busby, of Washington State University.

Mr. Gagne started painting in 1929. He came to Boston in 1939 and to the MGH in 1942. His one man show recently seen in the brick corridor elicited much favorable comment.

The genial official scorer of the M.G.H. Bowling League, E. J. Morin.

Front row seated: Mr. and Mrs. John Kelly, H. Heney, W. Cloutier, M. Rosen and S. Bell Corso, Jr. Standing: Mr. and Miss May, Mr. and Mrs. May, E. J. Morin and S. Bell Corso, Sr.

Margaret Doherty, supervisor in Serving Room who completed 25 years service in that Department on February 4. Miss Doherty came to the Hospital in 1924.

ABOUT FOLKS

Out-Patient

Dr. David Williams, a past Resident on Urological Service is a proud father of a baby girl. He is now living in Springfield, Massachusetts.

At the Mass. Dental Society-Educational Course Program given Jan. 23, 24, 25, in the Lower Out Patient Amphitheatre Dr. Paul L. Sweet, D.M.D. - Asst. Resident, and Dr. Robert G. Knapp, D.S.S. - Intern presented cases on Oral Surgery and Oral Medicine.

Dr. Daniel J. Holland, Jr. is Chairman of this Educational Committee.

The Medical Clinic lost their very capable secretary Mrs. Burnham, Feb. 5th. She and her husband are moving to Maine to reside on a farm.

Mrs. Horner Retires

Letter from Mrs. William H. Horner follows:

"At long last I have found it necessary to send Miss Sleeper my resignation from the Staff Clinic. As I had expected to work for the "duration" only, it is really time for me to become a "full time domestic" again. My family are delighted with the decision.

I miss all my associates at the General more than I can say. All my relationships there seemed so personal that my leaving has resulted in a really big hole. However, my daughter is now home from college and is happy doing chemistry for H.M.S. at the Thorndike Laboratory.

I shall look forward to seeing you all when I drop in to call."

All those who knew Mrs. Horner will miss her —

Social Service

Miss Mary Alice Douglin, Clerk in the Social Service Central Office, was married January 29, 1950, to Mr. LeRoy Lans of Cambridge. Mrs. Lans, much to the regret of her friends in the Department will be leaving the Hospital in early March.

Housekeeping Department

Miss Joan Dade, Secretary for Housekeeping is sporting a beautiful diamond.

Mr. James Shaw is back with us on a part time basis. He took his hospitalization cheerfully and is full of praise for Storrow House where he spent his convalescent period. All are glad to see him looking well.

Dietary News

Three new Dietitic Internes have joined our group of students; Misses Gertrude Woo of China, Maxine Gilson of California and Janet Miller of Oklahoma.

We also have four new Diet Aides from Northeastern University: Misses Pauline DuBois, Mary Manning, Lee Weis and Beverly Wheeler.

Miss Jean Miller of General Hospital Staff has left us to accept a position in Miami, Florida.

Miss Margaret Burkhart has completed her Internship and has joined the staff of the General Hospital as Temporary Relief.

There is also another new staff member, Mrs. Frances Parker of North Carolina, who is working part time in East Pay Cafeteria.

We have just received the news that Evelyn McBride, daughter of Joseph McBride of Baker Memorial, and Catherine McBride in the White Building, has become Mrs. Stanley Pazkwiski and is living in Connecticut. Evelyn worked in West Pay Cafeteria at one time.

Concerning Hobbies: We understand that Norma Stellman devotes much time to needle work and has some highly interesting work created in those hours.

Phillips House

A very faithful worker has left the Phillips House. For almost twenty-five years Mary deRosa served as messenger, with the amazing record of never being late or never being out a day for illness. She "grew up" in the hospital service with many of the house officers, and followed their careers with great interest. By them and by many patients and visitors, as well as her co-workers, she will always be remembered as "Little Mary of the Phillips House". The best of good wishes follow her to her new position in a doctor's office.

Another long-time worker is Mrs. Ruby Macdonald who has been float-clerk on the second floor for almost ten years. At present she is enjoying a delightful vacation at Miami Beach, but expects to return to her duties soon.

Eye and Ear Infirmary

A Benefit Bridge was given by the Sick Relief Association of the MGH Nurses Alumnae Association on February 13 at 8:00 P.M. at the Eye and Ear Nurses' Residence, 14 Embankment Road for which tickets are only $.50 a person. Miss Dorothy Tarbox was hostess, and refreshments of coffee, valentine cookies and candy were served. Well-wishers of the Association donated the food and the prizes, one for each table and a door prize.

Miss Walborg Petersen is President of the Sick Relief Association with Miss Hilda Blaisdell as Secretary, Miss Miriam Huggard, Treasurer, and Miss Helena McCarten, Miss Ethel McNamarra, Miss Jean McGaughey and Miss Martha Davidson as members of the Board. The Sick Relief Association was founded in 1909 by the MGH Nurses Alumnae Association to provide funds for those nurses, who, because of long illnesses (over 7 days), were in need of funds. The dues, $5 a year, guarantee a nurse $10 a week for a total of eight weeks if she is ill.

The Nursing Department welcomes two young nurses from Sweden who began the two months affiliated course here at the Infirmary on February 1, 1950. Miss Ewa Anna Aveman and Miss Gunvor Andersson from the University Hospital of Upsala, Sweden come to the Infirmary recommended by the American Nursing Association.

Mrs. Eleanor Cotter Caron, former technician in the Mosher Laboratory, left the Infirmary January 1, 1950 shortly after her recent marriage.

Several of the Infirmary employees are taking educational courses at night in subjects that will help them in their work. The Bookkeeping Office has a high percentage of students, with several graduations during the past year. Richard Findlay and Ernest M. Smith have recently graduated from Bentley School of Accounting and Finance, and Raymond Lyons completed his course at Burdett College. Ann Hewitt will register for a course in Business Administration at Boston University in February.

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Baker Memorial 20 Years Old
Dr. Joseph S. Lichty Plays Host

Six of the guests at the 20th anniversary tea of Baker Memorial who were connected with the Baker when the doors opened were: Left to right, front row: Miss Walborg Peterson, Mrs. Helen Cushing, Mrs. W. Franklin Wood, back row: William J. MacNair, Miss Helen Daly, Miss Josephine Barbour, and Dr. W. Franklin Wood. Dr. Wood was the first Director of Baker Memorial.

Dr. Joseph S. Lichty, Assistant Director and present Head of Baker Memorial Hospital, who personally took through the building and the two Baker floors in Vincent-Burnham, the birthday party cart, treating employees to ice cream and cake and giving all a chance to share in the birthday thought of, "Many happy returns of the day". Joseph Plunkett assisted Dr. Lichty.

A day-long celebration marked the 20th anniversary of Baker Memorial Hospital on Friday, March 3rd. Dr. Joseph S. Lichty, Assistant Director in charge of Baker, made a personal tour of the hospital and the two Baker floors in Vincent Burnham, accompanied by Joseph Plunkett and a birthday cart carrying ice cream and cake for the Baker employees. In the afternoon a tea was given in the Baker reception room where Mrs. W. Franklin Wood, wife of the first Director of Baker, poured and Mrs. Helen Cushing cut and served the birthday cake.

Among the more than 50 guests at the tea were seven who were members of the original staff opening Baker 20 years ago. These included: Miss Walborg Peterson, head nurse at the opening of the Baker and now admitting officer at the Massachusetts Eye and Ear Infirmary; Mrs. Helen Cushing, hostess since opening day; Miss Josephine Barbour, former Baker social worker and now head of the Social Service Department; Miss Helen Daly, Baker's first admitting officer and now admitting officer for the General Hospital; Dr. and Mrs. W. Franklin Wood, Dr. Wood was first director of Baker and is now Director of McLean Hospital, Waverley; and William J. MacNair, R.N., who was head of the orderlies in Baker, but now is in charge of Baker Housekeeping. Although not on the staff on opening day, and at the tea were Miss Ida Cannon and Miss Mathilda Wagner, who were credited by Dr. Wood as having done yeoman service in making the opening of Baker possible. Also included in those associated with Baker in the early days who were at the tea were Miss Frances Hernan, Miss Anabel Herdman, Miss Louise Storke, Mrs. Martha Sawyer and Miss Sally Lifvergren.

The opening of Baker Memorial marked the special recognition of patients of moderate means who want to pay the full expense of hospitalization and engage the services of the leading doctors of the community. The hospital opened with 17 patients. It now has a capacity for 303 patients and often operates with a waiting list.

Iolanthe

The M. G. H. Operetta Company will give Gilbert and Sullivan's "Iolanthe" on the 12th and 13th of April at the Elizabeth Peabody House. The proceeds will be divided between the Employees Recreation Fund and the Research Program of the M. G. H.

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Confidential Information

"While caring for patients, hospital employees often learn intimate facts about them. They should regard such matters as confidential, as doctors and nurses do, and never discuss them with anyone," so runs the first paragraph of employee information in the Red Book.

There are other implications in that paragraph. The basic philosophy of the hospital is that facts about a patient's illness are confidential. Only the doctor and the nurse need to know these facts. If any other employee inadvertently comes to know these facts through no fault of her own, she safeguards its confidential nature as do doctors and nurses.

Never, under any circumstances, does a member of the hospital family seek to find out facts about a patient's illness unless in the line of duty. Secretaries, messengers and others who may handle or carry a patient's record, never open them or try to read them. Violation of this privacy is a violation of trust and of the law.

Accident Prevention

Report all unsafe conditions to your supervisor immediately. This includes broken furniture, broken glass, push plates, defective electrical equipment, hand tools, appliances, etc.

Observe closely the condition of the floors and walk carefully. Report loose and defective tiles and linoleum to your supervisor.

M.G.H. Nursing School Flower Shop

Left to right: Miss Dorothy Capetti, Miss Evelyn Magyar, Miss Nancy Gordon and Miss Donna Berry.

The Flower Shop

For a great many years the M. G. H. has tried to find some method of decorating the wards of the hospital. There has been no money available for the purchase of flowers and plants which might add color and warmth. Recently the Nursing School evolved the idea of a Flower Shop in the M. G. H. where the visitors of patients could buy fresh flowers at low cost and take them to the wards.

On Monday, March 6, the Flower Shop became an actuality. A corner of the corridor near the popular General Store and the beguiling Cardiac Workshop display was fitted out with shelves. Student nurses, helped by a flower clerk, began to sell potted plants and cut flowers to visitors and members of the hospital family. At an early hour in the morning, an experienced flower buyer had gone to the wholesale flower market to buy flowers cut only a little while before. The shop is open from 11:30 a.m. to 7:30 p.m.

The Nursing School is bearing the expense of the project and student nurses give of their time to help in the selling. Any money above expense will be used to buy flowers for patients on the wards, for the hospital lobby and solariums and for student activities. The nursing students are very enthusiastic about this venture.

A Tribute To Storrow House

One cold day in the late afternoon of November at my own request, I was transferred from Bulfinch 6 to the Storrow House in Lincoln which is about 20 miles from Boston. I was only going to stay for two weeks but the two turned into a month which was the best rest I have ever had at anytime in my life.

I arrived about 5:30 P.M. just in time for supper and was ushered into the Dining Room, given a place at the table, and introduced to eighteen other patients (men and women) from all over the U.S.A. and foreign countries and received a cordial welcome.

The Storrow House is a unit of M.G.H. and is a gift from Mrs. James J. Storrow. It is a large fireproof building on top of a high hill, overlooking a beautiful valley and surrounding towns Concord, Lexington, Bedford, Wayland. To the estate belongs sixteen acres of heavily wooded grounds although around the house is a beautiful lawn. There is a terrace and solarium and sunken garden on the West side of the grounds. There are many delightful paths where one can walk through the woods to the highway.

All this comes under the supervision of the genial host Miss Elizabeth A. Welsh, who is very pleasant and has a keen sense of humor.

James Shaw
Housekeeping

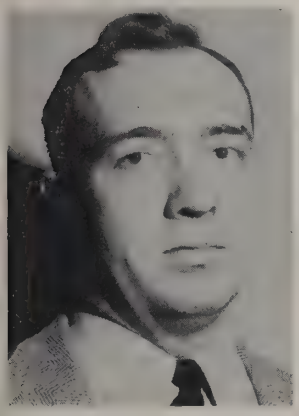
M. G. H. Operetta Company To Give Gilbert and Sullivan's "Iolanthe", April 12-13

Miss Adele Khoury
"Queen of the Fairies"

Dana Freeman
"Lord Chancelor"

Sonia Lewchuck
"Phyllis"

Mrs. Mary Derosier
"Iolanthe"



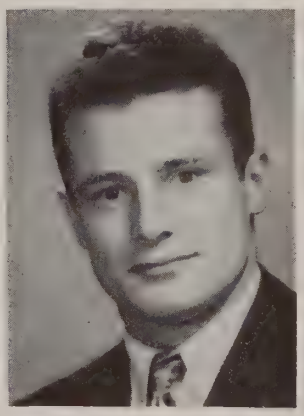
Dr. Richard Ireton
"Strephon"

Chorus of the M. G. H. operetta "Iolanthe"—Peers and Faries.

Left to right: bottom row, Dr. Anne Wight, Sonia Lewchuck, Bernetha Floyd, Maxine Campbell, Marjorie Munn, Ann Johnson.

Second row, left to right: Fred Dansingburg, Mrs. Ann Kotasenski, Miss Jean Vining, Miss Elise Comeau, Miss Kate MacMackin, Ralph Derosier.

Back row, left to right: Robert Irwin, Hugh Heney, Anthony San Martino, Chester Tomczykowski and Leon Farrell.



Frank Schmetz
"Earl of Mountarat"

Stephen Bell Cosaro
"Earl Tolloller"

John Farrell
"Private Willis"

Mrs. Barbara Bowers
"Lelia"

Irene Gatto
Accompanist

Miss Margot Warner
Coach

Helene Gindorff
"Celia"

ABOUT FOLKS

Eye and Ear Infirmary

The resourcefulness and enthusiasm of the bookkeeping office has resulted in a new layout and more space for that office. The large files and safe that have crowded the desks and made space at a premium were placed to better advantage and the desks moved into a more efficient working arrangement. The planning was done by the boys themselves and three of them, Richard Findlay, Frank Thompson and Raymond Lyons, spent Saturday moving the desks and files. To complete the metamorphosis, the walls were washed by the housekeeping department and the venetian blinds were renovated and cleaned. The bookkeeping staff has found the new arrangement convenient and pleasant.

The employees of the Infirmary will be glad to learn that we have obtained our Blue Cross and Blue Shield contract. It will become effective in April.

Miss Mary Tinkham has joined the Admitting Office Staff, taking the place of Mrs. Frances Menna who recently left the Infirmary. Miss Tinkham is a January graduate of Boston University having majored in English. Although her home is in New Bedford, she is now living in town at the Franklin Square House.

John Carroll, porter in Howe Laboratory and caretaker of the animal room, is in the Infirmary as a patient. During his absence, William J. Lewis is taking his place.

Baker Memorial

Leslie Pinkham of Baker X-Ray is taking the fatal matrimonial step—March 18.

Mrs. Ruth Dalton—Baker 6—is going home to Holyoke, Mass., to welcome the stork.

Mrs. Betty Nason, from the nursing office, wishes to thank everybody for their kindness to her during her long illness.

Miss Lillian Miller, Baker 9, is basking in Florida sunshine.

Mrs. Ruth Ward, formerly Ruth Harvey, is back again with us in Baker.

Our sympathy goes out to Miss Althea King of the Baker Laboratory on the death of her brother, Dr. Gerald King.

Huntington Laboratories

Introduction of the Huntington Laboratories to the "World" comes by way of Miss Mary Louise "Sis" Stephenson. The fortunate young lady has been on a cruise of the Mediterranean with a visit to Paris and London. As a surprise en route, a friend of Miss Anne Leavitt's met the boat in Istanbul and "Sis" with her cousin were royally entertained for their sojourn in the city.

Miss Mary Powell Smythe, technician at the Huntington Laboratories, is enthusiastically entering Harvard Medical School in the fall. Our best wishes for a successful career in the profession.

Dietary Tidbits

Mrs. Thornton Round, nee Bette Davis, lives in Ohio now and has a little daughter, Elizabeth Marion, born this winter. Miss Davis was a Dietetic Intern and graduate of our Hospital Class of 1943-44 and later on our Staff in White Building. Many will remember her not only as a Dietitian but also as an especially skillful ice skater.

Miss Barbara Bateholts has joined the Dietary Staff of Baker Memorial. She began her duties as Miss Fox's administrative assistant on March sixth.

Bill Mitchum of Baker Memorial kitchen has been out several weeks. We hope that he will be well enough to come back to duty very soon.

Lillian Patterson, Floor server of Baker Memorial, has been ill for many weeks. We hear that she is much improved and hope that she will be able to return soon.

Accounting

On January 13, 1950, Mr. Ernest Alexander of Baker Cashiers welcomed a new little daughter, Janet.

Mr. Ernest Zunino has been transferred from Baker Cashiers to the I. B. M. Tabulating Department.

New faces in the Accounting Department belong to the following girls to whom we extend a cordial welcome: Accounting, Phyllis Diciaccio, Ida Mattarazzo and Josephine Russo; I. B. M. Tabulating, Anne Carter, Antoinette Bozza and Mary Hogan; Baker Cashiers, Muriel O'Connell, Hazel Crawford and Margaret O'Hara.

Phyllis Crowley has been transferred from the Collection Department to General Cashiers.

Phillips House Housekeeping

The Phillips House Housekeeping garden is showing signs of life even at this early date. The tulips are beginning to come through despite the extremely cold days we had in February and early March.

We wish to report Alice Holden is well on the way to recovery after her operation at White 7. She is a very happy girl with the results.

Nursing News

Mrs. Mary E. Wolcott of E. W. is receiving congratulations on the birth of her first granddaughter, Mollie, born February 18 at the Richardson House.

Miss Betty Grantis leaving Friday for the Brooks Army Center at San Antonio, Texas. Best of luck from all of us in E. W.

FACTS NO AMERICAN SHOULD EVER FORGET:

(Average cost in hours of labor)

A Pair of Women's Shoes

In the U. S.	In England	In Russia
7 hrs. 10 min.	15 hrs.	98 hrs.

A Pair of Men's Shoes

In the U. S.	In England	In Russia
7 hrs. 15 min.	15 hrs. 17 min.	104 hrs. 30 min.

A 2-pants Man's Suit

In the U. S.	In England	In Russia
38 hrs. 58 min.	152 hrs. 5 min.	571 hrs.

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M.G.H. Operetta Company Plays Iolanthe

Grand finale: Leads front row, left to right: Helene Gindorff as Leila and Frank Schmetz as Earl of Mountarat, Adele Khoury as Queen of the Fairies and John Farrell as Private Willis, Sonia Lewchuck as Phyllis and Richard J. Ireton as Strephon, Mary Derosier as Iolanthe and Dana Freeman as Lord Chancellor, Barbara Bowers as Celia and Stephen Bell Corsaro as Earl of Tollaler; back row, Peers, and Fairies, Kate MacMackin and Dr. John A. Gregory, Ann Johnson and George Kirn, Anne Kotasenski and Chester Tomcyzkowski, Elise Comeau and Robert Irwin, Bernetha Floyd and Anthony San Martino, Virginia Towne and Hugh Heney, Dr. Anne Wight and Fred Dansingburg, Jean Vining and Phillippe H. Bonnet, Maxine Campbell and Ralph Derosier.

Standing Room Only

The M. G. H. Operetta Company gave a most successful presentation of Gilbert and Sullivan's operetta, "Iolanthe" or "The Peer and the Peri" at the Elizabeth Peabody Playhouse on Wednesday and Thursday, April 12 and 13, under the direction of Miss Margot Warner. Miss Irene Gatto and Mrs. Harold Amory assisted as pianists. A major attraction of the performances was the prologue and interlude by the M. G. H. Doctors' Orchestra.

The proceeds of the venture will be divided between the M. G. H. Research Fund and the Employees' Recreation Fund.

Miss Adele Khoury as Queen of the Fairies gave an outstanding performance, her voice showing to great advantage in the "Invocation" and "Oh Foolish Fay". Her acting and voice throughout gave zest and power to the action. Mary Derosier as Iolanthe, plaintive and beseeching, was well cast and brought much to the strength of the role. Her recitative, "My Lord, a Suppliant at Your Feet I Kneel," was particularly moving.

Richard J. Ireton and Sonia Lewchuck gave lightness and humor to what was a gay and merry production. Richard Ireton as Strephon, only half mortal with its consequent problems, gave an excellent rendition of the part, working well in the interplay with Phyllis, interpreted by Sonia Lewchuck. Their "Good Morrow, Good Lover", "None Shall Part Us" and "If We're Weak Enough to Tarry", provided some of the high points of the production.

Dana Freeman as the Lord Chancellor was the peak of the show for character acting. Pompous, bombastic, and beset by his legal and love tangle, this part was sustained throughout with verve and humor. With a fine baritone voice, he sang, "Said I to Myself said I", and the recitative "Love Unrequited" among others.

Frank Schmetz as the Earl of Mountarat and Stephen Bell Corsaro as the Earl of Tolloller provided a strong support in the development of the love tangles theme of the play. In their two songs with Phyllis, "My Well Loved Lord and Guardian Dear", and "My Lords it May Not Be", and the trio with the Lord Chancellor, "Faint Heart Never Won Fair Lady", these two gave a fine and much applauded performance.

A very convincing character portrayal was given by John Farrell as Private Willis. With all the proper "business" of a member of the Grenadier Guards, he sang in a good full bass voice, "When All Night Long a Chap Remains" and his part in the quartet, "Tho' P'raps I May Incur Your Blame".

Barbara Bowers as Celia, Helene Gindorff as Leila and Dr. Anne Wight as Fleta added to the charm of the fleet - footed and sweetly singing Fairies who included: Maxine Campbell, Elise Comeau, Bernetha Floyd, Ann Johnson, Anne Kotasenski, Kate MacMackin, Marjorie Munn, Virginia Towne and Jean Vining. Each voicing the will of the group, had a solo or part in developing the theme. The Fairies were very effective with their tuneful choruses and graceful action threading through the play and counter-play.

The chorus of the Peers deserves special mention. The entrance and March of the Peers with the volume and depth of all male voices will be remembered. Arrogant and haughty, as they came on the stage, they were an impressive sight. The Peers in-

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Rest Period

In March of last year a policy was adopted which gave, "subject to control by Department Heads, one period a day, not to exceed fifteen minutes, to employees where it is felt that their work is so monotonous or so restricted as to movement as to make it desirable that they have a rest period. In some instances the Department Head may believe it as desirable to have theirs in the morning, and in other instances in the afternoon.

There shall be no afternoon "coffee hour". Department Heads may grant rest periods to be enjoyed within their own areas if they feel the type of work of their employees so indicate".

Since then, many employees have enjoyed the fifteen minute rest period. Some of these have gone to the dining rooms between 9:30 and 11:00 a.m. for coffee.

There has been some abuse of this privilege, however. The fifteen minute recess is an inclusive one. It gives only fifteen minutes away from the job. If that allowance gives time enough to go down for coffee if coffee is desired, all is well. Added time off, however, jeopardizes the rest period not only for the person taking advantage but for the rest of us also.

OPERETTA

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cluded: Philippe H. Bonnet, Fred Dansingburg, Ralph Derosier, Leon Farrell, Dr. John A. Gregory, Hugh Heney, Robert Irwin, George Kirn, Anthony San Martino, and Chester Tomczkowski.

Great credit is due the Director of "Iolanthe", Miss Margot Warner. With an untried and new group s' e has pulled together thirty people into a cast which moved and thought as a whole. She achieved the fusion of personalities, felt by the whole audience, which is the aim of every stage director. We acclaim Miss Warner as a leader of high order.

The Planning Committee for the Operetta had charge of scenery, costumes, tickets and such details of production. It included: Roscoe Adams, Rose Brooks, Evelyn Dalton, John Farrell, Leon Farrell, Simeon Gagne, Irene Gatto, Hugh Heney, Adele Khoury, Anne Leavitt, Lois McCoy, Olga Moore, Ernest Morin, Marjorie Munn, Anthony D. San Martino, James Shaw and Frank Woolley.

Preparing the audience for the play and entertaining through the intermission, the M. G. H. Doctors' Orchestra made a fine contribution to the evenings entertainment with gems from Gilbert and Sullivan. The orchestra included: Mrs. John Stanbury, Dr. William R. Merrington, Dr. Byron H. Waksman, John Head, HMS IV, Dr. Hans G. Keitel, Dr. Alexander Leaf and Irene Gatto.

The M. G. H. Operetta Company has made its first appearance. We will be looking forward to another production next year from this versatile group.

Lois D. McCoy

Engagements

Helen Lord, secretary in the Baker O. R., has announced her engagement to Mr. Paul Dube. (Lucky, lucky boy). Helen's ring is a lovely one and we are happy for her.

This Is Good!

Suggestion for preparing French Fried Onions: Use a large onion—cut off each end—cut the remainder in 1/4" slices — separate the rings and the skins will peel off easily—waste is greatly reduced.

Walter F. Wilson
Dietary Department
White Kitchen

Record Room News

On Friday, March 17th the Record Room held their Barn Dance at Obert's Bungalow in Dorchester. It was a pretty little party with the girls in their dungarees or bright cotton dresses and the boys in bold plaid shirts. Lou Jeffry brought his orchestra and the boys really outdid themselves playing any requested songs and types of dances that happened to hit our fancy at that particular moment. Part of the evening was given over to square dances in which most took part with laughs and spills but to the pleasure of all. The doughnuts and cider, potato chips, vinegar pickles, and nuts were generously indulged in. The door prize was won by Arlene Stockbridge's sister.

Central Files has been moved up closer to the Record Room Unit from the Admitting section of the Out-Patient Department which brings our family more closely together and much more compact.

Kris Kristapanis (Mrs. Ernest Sofuolis) gave birth to a daughter, Joanne Mary, on March 19th. Kris was very popular with her fellow workers in the Record Room and we were pleased when we heard the good news. Joan Coutts (Transcription Room) is little Joanne's Godmother.

Nursing News

It's a boy, "Jeffery Jon", for the Granski's, born March 28, at Baker Memorial. Welcome to the M. G. H. family.

Congratulations and best wishes to Virginia Farrington, who has become Mrs. Edward Merrigan.

Mrs. Etta Hues, the surgical corsettier, is receiving congratulations on the birth of twin grandsons. They were born at Eglin Field, Florida—two more pilots for Uncle Sam.

Mrs. Lawler, one of the admitting nurses flew Mar. 26 to join her sister in Durham, No. Carolina. After a few days visiting there, they returned to Boston by auto.

Dr. Robert Tyson and Miss Leslie Cotter, a Psychiatric Social Worker have announced their engagement.

Miss Katherine McQueeney, Children's Medical Social Service Worker and Dr. John A. Duggan, Pediatric resident in the clinic have announced their engagement. The wedding will be June 24th. Shortly after the marriage, they expect to be stationed in the Far East.

Scenes from Iolanthe Played by M. G. H. Operetta Company

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1. Mary Derosier as Iolanthe and Richard J. Ireton as Strephon.

2. Dana Freeman as Lord Chancellor with Peers in background. Peers, left to right, Anthony San Martino, George Kirn, Dr. John A. Gregory, Hugh Heney, and Frank Schmetz as the Earl of Mountarat.

3. Adele Khoury as Queen of the Fairies with, front row, left to right, Helen Gindorff, Jean Vining, Barbara Bowers and Dr. Anne Wight; back row, Virginia Towne, Kate MacMackin and Maxine Campbell.

4. John Farrell as Private Willis.

5. Sonia Lewchuck as Phyllis with Richard J. Ireton as Strephon.

6. March of the Peers, left to right, Frank Schmetz as the Earl of Mountarat, Hugh Heney, Dr. John Gregory, Fred Dansingburg, Anthony San Martino, George Kirn, Ralph Derosier, Stephen Bell Corsaro.

7. End of Act I—Richard J. Ireton as Strephon, Adele Khoury as Queen of the Fairies, Dana Freeman as Lord Chancellor, Frank Schmetz as Lord Mountarat and Sonia Lewchuck as Phyllis, in foreground: left to right, Peers, Ralph Derosier, Chester Tomczykowski, Robert Irwin and Hugh Heney; Fairies, front row, Ann Johnson, Anne Kotasenski, Helene Gindorff, Jean Vining, Barbara Bowers, Dr. Anne Wight; back row, Elise Comeau, Bernetha Floyd, Marjorie Munn, Virginia Towne, Kate MacMackin, Maxine Campbell; Peers, Anthony San Martino, Fred Dansingburg, Phillippe H. Bonnet and George Kirn.

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ABOUT FOLKS

Eye and Ear Infirmary

Proof that reconstruction at the Infirmary is progressing was the opening of the new classroom for the Nurses Training Course on April 10. The room, located on the third floor, is equipped with a soundproof ceiling, fluorescent lighting, built-in cabinets and drawers and new classroom chairs. The Nursing Department is privileged to be the first to move into new quarters under the reconstruction plan.

The Infirmary owed its festive appearance at Easter to the kindness of Dr. and Mrs. Varaztad Kazanjian in giving six large plants of Easter lilies. The plants were placed in the waiting rooms, lobby and wards where they were admired by all. It is an annual custom of Dr. and Mrs. Kazanjian to supply us with our Christmas and Easter flowers, thereby giving employees and patients a great deal of pleasure during these holiday seasons.

Jeannette Loessl, librarian in the Howe Library, flew to Porto Rico on April 7 where she spent two weeks vacationing. Miss Marian Shea served as temporary librarian during Miss Loessl's absence.

Mrs. Alberta Caton, our very capable and friendly Dietician for the last two years has left to become "a housewife and mother" to her doctor husband and two children. Miss Grace Sims, former Assistant Dietician and a graduate of the School of Dietetics of the MGH took over Mrs. Caton's duties.

Miss Elizabeth Harriet Greene, secretary to the Social Service Department, recently announced her engagement to Rubin Harold Schneider of Chelsea.

Ann Huard of the Bookkeeping Office has been recuperating for the last three weeks from a ski accident she suffered while at Cannon Mountain, N. H. During her absence Miss Hazel Crawford from Baker Cashiers Office helped out.

Baker Memorial Hospital Aides

Miss Mattie Cannon and Mrs. Martha Simpson, Baker Memorial hospital aides, have been given complete care of the treatment rooms in Baker.

Mrs. Ann Jones, former aide in Baker, became the mother of a baby girl in February.

Phillips House News

It was a lucky day for the Phillips House as well as for the very successful production of "Iolanthe" at the Peabody Play House, when Dana Freeman took the position of night man at the Information Desk. Little did anyone realize that an experienced amateur actor and excellent singer had come to add zest to one of the best parts in the show, that of the Lord Chancellor. Everyone hopes he will lend his talents to the next musical comedy put on by the versatile M. G. H. Operetta Company.

Phillips House was also well represented by a young art school student, Marjorie Munn. She added greatly to the effectiveness and gaiety of the choruses.

The whole cast deserves the greatest praise for all the time and effort so freely given for a good cause.

On Saturday evening, April 8th, at the Baptist Church in Everett, Miss Virginia Goodwin was married to Mr. Frank Waldner. She was a lovely bride in white satin and lace, attended by two little flower girls and ring bearer. The best of good wishes from her friends go with her to her new home.

From Storrow House comes word that Miss Alice Corcoran, head nurse on the seventh floor, is making a good recovery after her recent serious illness.

We are all glad to see Miss Harriet Kennedy, the third floor head nurse, back on the job after an enforced vacation, looking very well rested.

Chest X-ray

The Boston Chest X-ray Program disclosed that 1.2% of 531,899 persons X-rayed have tuberculosis. Less than 3% of these cases are in the advanced stage, while 29% are in the moderately advanced stage and 66% in the minimal or early stage. About 2% are in, what doctors term, the "unknown stage."

The X-ray program, which cost $500,000—or eight cents per person, also revealed 2,381 cases of chest diseases other than TB, and 2,695 heart abnormalities, reports the Community Newsletter.

Dietary Tidbits

Those who eat their evening meal in West Pay Cafeteria were pleased to see the gracious friendly Supervisor, Mrs. Marion Schurer, back on duty.

Since April 8th, Mrs. Schurer has had a new daughter, Carol Louise, nee Leider, whose marriage to Mrs. Schurer's son, Rudolph, was solemnized in Goshen, Indiana, the bride's home city on that day. Hence, Mrs. Schurer's absence from duty.

Kenneth Weyand of the Dishroom has fortified himself against "Ole Man Summer" by having a week of early vacation. Kenneth spent his time in New York City and most of it in the Galleries of the Metropolitan Museum. Painting with oils is his hobby.

The truck room boys of White Kitchen expressed their wishes for Birthday Happiness for Clarence Jordan by presenting him with a Birthday Cake—candles n'all.

There have been two radio appearances by members of our staff recently. On April 19th, Miss Millican of Vincent Burnham was interviewed on WERS FM, and a few weeks ago, Mrs. Callahan was the guest on Mildred Carlson's program.

OPD News

Miss Muriel Dow, head nurse at Surgical, has just returned from a three weeks vacation in Havana, Cuba. Many are envious of her wonderful tan. She is sorry to have Mrs. Howarth, her secretary, leave. We hope that Mrs. Howarth will feel like returning to the Out Patient Department after she has had a rest.

Mrs. Margaret Kolpack from Dispensary enjoyed a visit with her daughter in Indianapolis. The new grandchild was "just precious."

Mrs. Ann McCauley, O. P. D. and Mrs. A. Sidley, Eye & Ear, were hostesses, at a luncheon and meeting of the Massachusetts Housekeepers' Association held at the Pioneer Hotel.

Mrs. Mabel Slager, a volunteer for 15 years, has left us. She was married March 29 to Mr. W. Henry Schofield, a childhood sweetheart. In Sept. they are going on a long trip to California.

Her record for volunteer work is as follows—9 years at the Evangeline Booth Hospital—6 years here at the Mass. Gen. Hospital, in the Diet Kitchen, Blood Bank and Skin Clinic, also a Grey Lady for the past 2 years.

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M. G. H. Credit Union Opens Soon

M. G. H. Credit Union Officers, left to right, Rose Brooks, Record Room, Clerk; Harold Emrich, Chief Accountant, Accounting Office, Treasurer; Dr. E. T. Neumann, Assistant Director, President; William Stewart, Electrical Shop, Vice-President.

The M. G. H. Credit Union will begin to operate shortly with Dr. E. T. Neumann, President; William Stewart, Vice-President; Harold Emrich, Treasurer and Rose Brooks, Clerk. The Credit Committee includes: Raymond V. Kinsman, Margery Crothers, Lois D. McCoy and Hugh Heney (alternate). The Auditing Committee includes: Jean Farrell, Martha Davidson and George Watts. Additional members of the Board of Directors are: Thomas Connolly, Peter Gaskins, Frances Hennessey and Evelyn Dalton. A Publicity Committee, appointed by the board, is made up of Evelyn Dalton, Gertrude Devine, Grace Varella and Marion Frost.

As soon as the papers of incorporation are received a notice will be sent to every person on the payroll announcing that the bank is open. This will include a form to sign for payroll deduction.

A recurring interest in a Credit Union at the hospital culminated finally in a meeting of interested persons in the Mosely Rotunda on January 17, to hear Miss Clara Iovino, executive secretary of the Credit Union League of Massachusetts. More than 200 of the M. G. H. family have signed papers asking for the Credit Union. Twenty of these were on the petition which went to the Board of Bank Incorporators asking permission to start a Credit Union.

The Board of Bank Incorporators set April 14, 1950, for a hearing of the petition at which Mr. Harold Emrich, Dr. E. T. Neumann, Mr. William Stewart and Mrs. Lois McCoy, representing the petitioners, were heard. At an executive meeting of the Board of Bank Incorporators it was unanimously voted to consent to the establishment of the M. G. H. Credit Union, and an informal Nominating Committee was suggested. Thereupon the four people who represented the petitioners at the hearing became the informal Nominating Committee. On May 24, 1950, the petitioners met, voted on the By-Laws, and elected the Directors and Officers.

Mass. Eye and Ear Infirmary Building Program

It is with pride and anticipation that the employees and staff of the Infirmary await the completion, early in July, of the first phase of the extensive building and reconstruction program of the Massachusetts Eye and Ear Infirmary. This will give the Infirmary the most modern facilities for the treatment of eye, ear, nose and throat diseases and will enable us to meet the need for more beds and increased hospital income.

Started last August, the program has progressed through the winter months in spite of the steel strike, delays in the arrival of equipment and expansions and necessary changes in plans. July will see the opening of the operating room suites, nursery, children's wards and semi-private rooms, and in August the fifth floor of new private rooms will be completed.

The second and third floor of the Fruit Street wing will house the new operating suites with their recovery rooms, utility rooms and dressing room for the doctors and nurses. The operating rooms will have the latest developments in hospital construction and equipment to conform with the specifications set down by the National Fire Protective Association. There will be three viewing galleries for teaching purposes.

Semi-private accommodations will be housed in the Charles Street wing of the fourth floor and the children's ward and nursery and nurses' dressing room will occupy the old private floor in the Fruit Street wing. The nursery has glass partitions separating each crib and the children's ward will be set up in units of five, six and eight-bed rooms. Two kitchens, a treatment room and play space allow greater efficiency for handling our many young patients.

The Nursing Department moved into its new classroom on the third floor late in April. Built in cabinets with space for text books, sound proof ceiling, fluorescent lighting and a seat-

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Social Security

Hospital employees will be covered by the Old-Age and Survivors Insurance System of the Social Security Act, according to the provisions of a bill enacted into law during the present session of Congress. The bill to amend the Social Security Act by extending its coverage to additional groups of workers and by improving the benefits which are now provided under Old-Age and Survivor's Insurance has passed the House of Representatives, received final approval from the Senate Finance Committee, and has finally passed The Senate. The exact provisions of the law are not known as Senate and House members have yet to confer and agree upon the final version of the measure.

Under social insurance usually both the employee and his employer make small regular contributions to the federal insurance fund. When the worker reaches his 65th birthday he is entitled to receive a monthly pension based upon the amount of his earnings in the past and the length of time he has been contributing to the fund. In case of his death his family receives survivors' benefit payments. The federal insurance may, of course, be supplemented by the retirement plans of any industry or organization.

Some of the provisions of the proposed law which are of particular interest to the hospital staff are:

1. The employee would contribute a small amount of his wages each pay period in order to qualify for old-age insurance payments or to secure survivor's benefits for his family. Since the hospital is a non-profit institution, it might decide to match the contribution of the employees with an equal amount, but it probably would not be mandatory for the hospital to make any contribution.

2. The employee's tax would amount to ¾'s of one per cent on the first $3600 of his annual earnings. If the hospital decided to participate, M. G. H. would pay an equal sum, making a total tax of 1½ per cent.

3. The tax would not be assessed on the stipends received by persons in training, such as student nurses and house staff, but it would be levied on the earnings of both professional and non-professional staff members.

4. The present scale of benefits which now pays an average of $25 a month to the worker of retirement age would be increased, and the length of time an individual must have been working in covered employment in order to qualify for old-age benefits would be shortened.

The American Hospital Association recently released the results of its annual survey of more than 6,000 of the nation's hospitals. Their figures showed: 18,000,000 Americans were hospitalized patients during 1949, the daily cost per patient was $14.33, the average stay per patient was 8.3 days, more patients were cared for and they more nearly paid the cost of care. Blue Cross and prepayment helped meet the cost of care for many patients.

General Nursing

Miss Barbara Raimer, M. G. H. Graduate and Head Nurse in the Overnight Ward, has resigned to accept a position at University Hospital, Iowa.

Miss Barbara Trenholm, one of her able assistants, is accompanying her. Good Luck to both!

Mrs. Harriet Ryan has also resigned, and Mrs. Rosemary Cahill, both to become homemakers.

BUILDING PROGRAM

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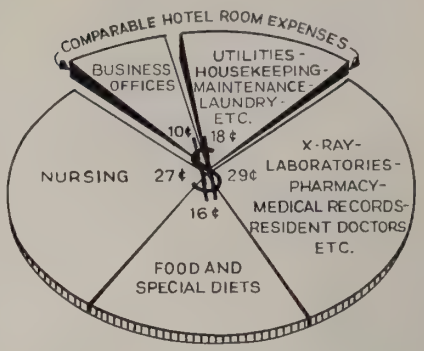
ing capacity of thirty with space for nursing demonstrations, will help give our affiliates the best in eye, ear, nose and throat teaching.

Because the present remodelling is the first major reconstruction done at the Infirmary in 50 years, there were many improvements and expansions needed. Department Heads, working with the Director decided what were the most pressing needs of the hospital. The necessary changes in normal routine required by the building program were met by cooperation from all the staff and employees and everyone is looking forward to the finished product that will make our work easier and more efficient.

WHERE THE HOSPITAL SPENDS EACH DOLLAR



Occasionally people try to compare hotel and hospital costs. But, as the diagram shows, this is impossible because almost **three-quarters** of hospital expenses are for services not provided routinely in a hotel room.

People say that modern medical care is expensive. It is! Although this isn't in the diagram, there is good reason—

Modern medical care requires:

Two professional and non-professional employees per patient,

plus

Expensive scientific procedures, medicines, and equipment.

Editorial Announcement

The Massachusetts General Hospital News is published by the Hospital to make official announcements, and to distribute other Hospital news to our staff and personnel, and to distant MGH alumni.

The leading article is usually from the Chief of one of our services. An article by the Head of one of the clinics appears fairly regularly. Included also are the Trustees' and General Executive Committee's appointments, a House Staff column, news from the Nursing Department, an occasional Archives Department column, an Eye and Ear section, new addresses, and various items of interest concerning MGH alumni and members of our staff (both past and present).

The News is a monthly publication. The subscription fee is $2 a year. Single copies may be purchased at the General Store or in the News office at 10¢ a copy.

AMONG OUR SUMMER BRIDES

Joan Flynn, clerk in Baker Admitting Office, married June 24th to Edward Brown of Watertown.

Joan Dade, Secretary to Henry Murphy, Director of Housekeeping, will be married to Karl William B. Cox, Jr., of Winchester on July 23rd.

Patricia C. Cahill, of the Personnel Office, married to Edwin B. Barnett, of Philadelphia, on June 24th.

PRIZE-WINNING BABY ROBERT BOURGAULT AND TROPHY HE WON

Mrs. Joan Bourgault, supply maid in Baker Memorial, is the proud mother of a son 23 months old who captured the second prize on the float in parade and second prize in the beauty contest in the Boston Junior Chamber of Commerce, Baby Health Contest. The trophy he won is 31 inches high and very pretty. Mrs. Bourgault is a War Bride, and has been in this country for four years —she likes it very much.

GRADUATED—Bentley School of Accounting, June 9

Robert Burns of General Accounting

Ernest Alexander of Baker Cashiers

Robert Mais, Emergency Ward Cashiers

ABOUT FOLKS

Eye and Ear Infirmary

A miscellaneous shower for Miss Betty Green, general secretary for the Social Service Department was given by 16 members of that department at Hartwell Farms on May 10. Miss Green plans to be married June 27 to Rubin Harold Schneider of Chelsea.

Mrs. Gladys Montana of Roslindale, Massachusetts, has joined the capable staff that mans the Information Desk. Prior to joining the Infirmary employees, Mrs. Montana was supervisor of secretaries at the American Red Cross office.

During the summer, the American Hospital Association is holding a T-P-R Contest (Techniques, Procedures and Routines) "to reward and recognize resourcefulness and hospital administration and to give other hospitals a chance to profit from administrative methods that have proved their effectiveness." Each hospital entering the contest is asked to submit a brief description of the technique, procedure or routine involved, with a picture, if it is an appliance or machine. The Infirmary has submitted its ward vacuum cleaners which clean the floors quickly, thoroughly and with less effort than other methods and above all, without raising germ laden dust. The one disadvantage of such equipment was the exhaust, a blast of cold air that caused discomfort to the patients. With the help of the Maintenance Department, Mrs. Sidley, Executive Housekeeper, devised a method whereby the air was diverted through several small openings bored in a 10 inch tube. This eliminated the single blast of air and prevents the whistling noises that are frequently caused by exhaust pipes.

Linen Control

Miss Margaret Voit, secretary in the Laundry Office for Mr. Clarke and Mr. Adams is displaying a new diamond ring—we congratulate her.

Our Laundry and Linen Control employees wish to express their sympathy to Mr. Richard May, Laundry foreman, for the death of his daughter, Ruth, a former employee of our department.

Sympathy to Mrs. Katherine Young for the death of her son.

We are happy for the return of Mr. William Barroll after the serious operation he experienced and wish him perfect health in the future.

Accounting Dept.

The Accounting Department extends congratulations to three of its members for a really impressive achievement. Ernest Alexander of Baker Cashiers, Robert Burns of General Accounting and Robert Mais of Emergency Ward Cashiers will all graduate on June 9, 1950 from the Bentley School of Accounting and Finance.

Joan Hart of the I.B.M. Tabulating Department was married on the sixth of May to Mr. William Wright at the College Avenue Methodist Church, Somerville. Their reception was held at Cabot Farms, followed by a honeymoon trip to Washington and Baltimore.

Mary Crehan of Baker Cashiers has announced her engagement to Francis Kelly of Gouldsboro, Pennsylvania. Mr. Kelly is associated with Lederle Laboratories. A winter wedding is planned.

Dorothy Ostroski and Marilyn Richmond of General Cashiers, and Ida Matarazzo of General Accounting are finishing school this month and will be with us on a full time basis.

Baker News

June is the month of engagements and marriages in Baker Memorial. Our prospective brides include: Miss Anne McPherson of the Operating Room, who is engaged to Dr. William O'Neil of Carney Hospital. Miss Helen Weber of the Operating Room is engaged to Mr. Garnet Reid. Miss Valein Judson of the Operating Room is engaged to John Cook. Miss Judson plans to be married in Jamestown, New York, in July.

On June 10, Miss Evelyn Cobb of Baker 4, was married to Mr. Avin Spooner. Miss Ruth D. Degnan, Baker 4, was married June 14 to Dr. Eugene A. Toupin, in Woonsocket, Rhode Island.

Mrs. N. Kelvin, Baker 7, is leaving to be an industrial nurse in Mansfield, Massachusetts.

Wedding Bells

Congratulations to Mrs. William Bell, nee Jean Vining, hospital aide, on her very beautiful wedding on April 16. Gowned in gorgeous white satin, her bridesmaids handsomely attired in rainbow colors, Jean looked lovely. In the large attendance were many M. G. H. members.

Record Room News

The entire Record Department extends its sympathy to Miss Seymour in the recent death of her father.

Miss Dora Roberts attended her class reunion in Maine the weekend of June 10th. She is a member of Bates College Class of '95.

A new Riley has made his appearance in Kay's family. Congratulations Kay on the arrival of the little feller. It's Kay's nephew.

Mildred Maneikis, who was the top scorer of the gals on the Bowling Team last season, took up ice skating a few months ago and is making long strides in that direction too. The M. G. H. may have a new champ in that field ere too long. Millie would hit the top in any sport she took up.

Joan Coutts and Kay Riley from the Medical Records Department are to be bridesmaids at the wedding of Joan Flynn (Baker Admitting Office) on June 24th.

Phillips House

Wedding Bells are again ringing in the Phillips House. Miss Ruth Huffer is being married, this month, to Mr. James Flanagan after his graduation from M. I. T.

The vacation parade has started, too, Miss Ann and Miss Miriam Huggard have gone to their beloved Canada.

Soon many of the fourth floor staff will be off—Miss Jones to the country, Miss Moran to the beach, and Miss Watson to her native Ohio.

Mrs. Helen Parker has also been enjoying a well-earned holiday.

Life is very active among our busy ward helpers. Katherine Murphy has just graduated, with high honors, from Dorchester High School, and will enter Simmons College next September. Margaret Corcoran, also graduating, has been accepted by the M. G. H. School of Nursing. Marie Achey, who has been attending Boston University, will enter the Pre-medical school next year.

We are glad to see among the new workers Katherine Walsh, Lorraine Shea, Rose Baumgardner, Betty Campbell and Alice Cussen.

Housekeeping News

Miss Catherine Carroll, Supervisor of the White Building, is back to work after several weeks in the Eye and Ear for an ear operation. Miss Carroll is feeling much better.

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M.G.H. CREDIT UNION

Open Now For Members

Harold Emrich, Treasurer of the M. G. H. Credit Union, receiving the first purchase of a Credit Union share from Mrs. Frances Hennessey.

The opening of the MGH Credit Union has been marked by widespread interest and a continual stream of applications for membership. Mr. Harold Emrich, treasurer of the Credit Union, and Mrs. Lois McCoy of the Credit Committee, are available in the Personnel Office during the banking hours of 3:30-5:30 each Thursday afternoon.

Payroll deduction is proving an attractive feature of the Credit Union plan. Those wishing to save for further education, travel, old age or emergency are finding it easy to have an amount deducted from the payroll and credited to their account in the Credit Union.

The second meeting of the directors of the MGH Credit Union was held on September 5th. It was voted that the First National Bank of Boston would be the depository of the Corporation. Rates of interest for various types of loans were established as follows: Interest on loans to members covered by money in the Credit Union will be 5% per year; on loans to members covered by money in other banks will be 5¼%; on loans to members covered by co-makers will be 6%, and the minimum rate of interest charged on loans to members for a period less than one year will be fixed at the minimum rate of 75 cents.

SOCIAL SECURITY FOR M. G. H. IF EMPLOYEES DESIRE

The 1950 Amendments to the Federal Social Security Act has become law. As a result it is now possible for employees of non-profit and governmental hospitals to offer their employees the same Social Security benefits that have been available to employees of commercial and industrial organizations.

This coverage is not mandatory but is on a voluntary basis. The employer, if willing to have its employees covered, may file a certificate with the local Security office on forms which will be made available.

The Board of Trustees of the Massachusetts General Hospital have voted to file such a certificate.

At least two thirds of the employees must join in this certificate and their signatures must be on a list accompanying the certificate.

Only those employees who sign the list will be covered, but others may sign if they wish, within 30 days after the certificate is filed. Thereafter, all new employees are automatically covered. And, if an employee resigns or is discharged and later is re-hired, he is treated as a new employee and is automatically covered by Old Age and Survivors Insurance.

Payroll deductions will be 1½ per cent for all covered jobs up to $3600 per year. The Massachusetts General Hospital Board of Trustees have voted to contribute a similar amount. Further information about Old Age and Survivors Insurance will be given from time to time and questions may be asked of the Personnel Director or Assistant Personnel Director.

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Opening of Bowling League — Second Season Tournament — Eight Men's Teams Competing

The opening of the 1950-1951 Bowling League Tournament is now under way with eight men's teams competing for the trophy now held by the Dietary Department. The Davis Square Bowladrome is being used, and it looks like a good bowling season for the forty eight men now signed up.

The teams include:

Accounting John Mendes, Captain, Joseph Inferrara, Jerry Murphy, Ernest Zunino, Eugene Cote, Spare, Ernest Alexander.

Nursing Ernest Morin, Captain and Spare, Samuel Green, Michael Morris, Max Rosen, Joseph White.

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Successful Exhibit By Young Artist

The recent exhibit of painting in the Brick corridor by Miss Gabrielle Bouvier has met with merited acclaim. Her interesting portraits and lovely still lifes seemed unending as they were changed week by week. Miss Bouvier catches the personality quality of her subjects to a marked degree. She seems to be inclined to be a portrait painter, but does very well in any of her work.

Miss Bouvier, who is the Photographic Department secretary, graduated from the Museum of Fine Arts School. She is a member of the Brookline, Marblehead and Rockport Art Associations. She has exhibited her work in New York, Boston and Chicago. Next spring she expects to send some of her work to the Paris Salon.

Miss Bouvier inherits her artistic talents from her mother. She is a native of Brookline and is the youngest member of a very talented family. Her father and brother have been State Representatives — another brother, a Priest, is a professor at Boston College, and her sisters are either musicians, artists or sculptors.

She writes Braille for the blind and is a volunteer worker. We hope in the future to see more of her artistic ability.

Simeon Gagne

Old Timers' Dinner

On the evening of October 16th, M.G.H. Ether Day, the Hospital will do honor to all those who have worked for the Hospital for twenty years or more, in whatever capacity and whether on the payroll or on a volunteer basis. The invitation for dinner goes out from Dr. Dean A. Clark who will speak for the hospital to approximately two hundred guests.

Those invited include the Board of Trustees, doctors and nurses, committee members, retired employees on pension, employees from every department and those on the Harvard payroll who have worked within the Hospital walls for twenty years or more.

A gay program has been planned with Dr. Perry Culver as Master of Ceremonies and Dr. Oliver Cope as Song Leader. The Planning Committee include: Mrs. David B. Arnold, Mrs. Soma Weiss, Miss Helen Church, Mrs. Lois D. McCoy, David Crockett, Dr. Oliver Cope and Dr. Perry Culver.

Baseball Expert Speaks

Our own George E. Hamilton, high priest of the Doctor's Parking Yard, has achieved fame. Recently the Boston Globe devoted columns of space, starting on the front page, to a story about him as an old baseball expert. His contention is that the 1950 baseball is better made than the 1912 baseball but 'the batters aren't any bigger or any stronger than they were in 1912—Sam Crawford, a great hitter, once led the American League with seven home runs in one season. At the present time Ralph Kiner leads both the American and National Leagues with over forty home runs."

Mr. Hamilton, armed with a razor blade, and with the facilities of one of the hospital laboratories, operated on the 1912 ball and then on the new 1950 ball. First he weighed each on laboratory scales. The 38-year-old ball weighed 145.9 grams. The 1950 ball weighed 148.9 grams. Allowing for the ravages of time this made them virtually identical in heft. The 1912 ball had a sold rubber core. The 1950 ball had the rubber core with a cork center and bounced four inches higher than the other.

Mr. Hamilton's operations prove that the manufacturers continue to wind the layers around the different cores just as they did nearly 40 years ago. His comment: "The rubber in the new core appears to be much better in quality . . . I would say the new ball is better made . . . The yarn and twine are superior in quality . . . The winding is also much tighter."

He displayed the corpus delecti to Prof. Francis Sears of M.I.T., thanks to a mutual friend, Dr. D. L. Farnsworth. Dr. Sears, a baseball fan, agreed that the 1950 ball was of superior workmanship.

N. E. Hospital Names New Administrator

Edmund R. Mattos, administrator of hospitals in the United States, South America and West Africa, has been appointed administrator of the New England Hospital for Women and Children, it was announced today. He succeeds Miss Josephine A. Mulville, R.N., who retired July 1. A graduate with a B.S. in hospital administration from the Columbia Universty Teachers College, Mattos attended the Yale University School of Medicine, specializing in hospital and public health administration. He recently returned from an assignment as consultant to the Institute of Inter-American Affairs in Ecuador.

Still life. . . . studied under Ernest B. Major.

Charcoal design of "Sammy".

Miss Bouvier at work . . . on "Gloucester Fisherman."

Gabrielle Bouvier, gifted young artist, whose four week changing exhibit in the Brick Corridor has attracted wide attention.

George E. Hamilton, who has won fame as a baseball expert, while supervising the Doctors' Parking Yard. Mr. Hamilton has shown the contents of 1912 and 1950 American League Baseballs.

ABOUT FOLKS

E. and E. Infirmary

Mrs. Alice Sidley, Executive Housekeeper of the Infirmary, was one of a small group of Hospital Housekeepers who were given scholarships to attend the week long course in Executive Housekeeping July 31 to August 5 at Cornell University in Ithaca, N. Y.

The scholarship was given to Mrs. Sidley by the National Executive Housekeepers Association and was won on a selective basis. Four other scholarships were awarded to housekeepers from Chicago, Cleveland and Washington.

There have been several additions to the Social Service Department during the summer. Miss Gale Marie Bergheim and Mrs. Ethel Grant are now permanent members of the staff. Miss Bergheim is a recent graduate of Bryn Mawr College of Social Work, working in the Ear Clinic and Mrs. Grant is a graduate of Simmons College School of Social Work assigned to the Eye Clinic. She previously spent several years in China where she worked for UNRRA and ECA.

Miss Jean Flanders is now financial secretary to the Department and Miss Muriel Sanger has replaced Miss Flanders as Glaucoma follow-up secretary in the Eye Clinic.

Dr. John J. Shea and Dr. George Reed, both residents on the Ear, Nose and Throat Service became fathers within a few days of each other. Dr. and Mrs Shea have a boy John J. III, born July 11 and Dr. and Mrs. Reed have a girl, Sally, born July 13.

Miss Betty Green, former secretary in the Social Service Department was married June 27 to Rubin Schneider. Mr. and Mrs. Schneider honeymooned in Nova Scotia and have returned to their new home in Belmont. Mrs. Schneider plans to continue her association with the Infirmary on a volunteer basis.

Mrs. Catherine Kinsella, assistant housekeeper, was married to Mr. Dennis Cahill in July.

Miss Helen Keyes of Brookline has replaced Miss Ann Huard who left the Cashier's Office because of illness.

Maintenance

A son, Robert, was born to Mr. and Mrs. Francis Reardon on August 13, 1950. Mr. Reardon is employed in the paint shop as a spray painter.

Mr. John Monahan, a painter at M.G.H., passed away after an illness. He had been employed by the hospital for the past twenty-five years.

Phillips House

Everyone has returned from vacations looking well - browned and healthy.

Mrs. Harrison, of the Record Room, is still away on a motor trip.

Miss Mary Cummings had a fine holiday at Far Rockaway Beach with interesting trips around New York City.

Miss Paolucci enjoyed her usual visit to Cape Cod, making Orleans her headquarters.

Miss Clarus Kenney went dashing about on short trips.

Mrs. Crockett, the Fifth Floor secretary, had the great pleasure of taking a cruise to the West Indies, making many land trips from the various parts visited.

Other distant travelers were Miss Gladys Keith and Miss Wanda Acorn who motored to the West Coast, and then took trips through the Yosemite, and many other National parks.

Miss Hingley had a fine trip through the White Mountains and New York State.

The lure of a Canadian visit is always strong for many people. Among those going there were Miss McCarten, Misses Katherine and Edna Logan, and Miss Meinelt.

Miss Pitman enjoyed a holiday in Washington and New York.

Mrs. Moran had a happy time at Manomet.

On Saturday afternoon, September 2, 1950, Miss Dorothy Gibbs, a Supervisor at the Phillips House, was married in the Saugus Center, Methodist Church to Mr. Rabson Nelson of Jamaica Plain.

Housekeeping

The Housekeeping Department held an outing on August 17 at White City near Worcester. They enjoyed swimming, boating, hot dogs, hamburgs, and coffee. They arrived back at the hospital at 11 P.M. tired but happy. The Committee in charge was: Miss Bourgeois, Robert May, John Kelley.

Medical Records Department

Olga DeMasi became Mrs. Herbert James on August 21, 1950. That really was a surprise Olga, and we all wish you well.

Helen Lord, Baker operating room secretary, made a lovely bride on September 4, 1950, when she became Mrs. Paul Dube. Loads of luck to both of you from all of us.

Joan Goodwin became Mrs. Robert Day on September 11, 1950.

Baker Memorial

Mary Elizabeth Jones, a nurse on Baker 6 was married to Charles Leach, Jr. on August 19.

Miss Dorothy Monihan, head nurse on Baker 2, was married to Gerard O'Brien on July 29.

Miss Barbara Elizabeth Kybert of Baker X-Ray was married to Mr. Henry John Cergan on Sunday, September 3.

Mrs. Cushing from Baker Information fell while going to one of the Shell Concerts and was confined to her home for some time. We are glad to report that she is now able to return to us.

Miss Pat Clark, Ward Helper on Baker 9, is leaving to go in training as a nurse in St. Margaret's Hospital next month.

Mrs. Shirley Bayless Donnelly, head nurse on Baker 7 gave birth to a son, Michael Edward, 7 pounds, 14 ounces, on Saturday, September 2.

Miss Sheila O'Shea, special nurse, is back with us again after a flying trip to Ireland to see her sister.

Baker Memorial Hospital Aides

Miss Jean Morrison had a most enjoyable time at Tanglewood in the Berkshires the last week in July and the first two weeks in August.

Miss Ruth Boteler spent her vacation in August visiting relatives and friends in New York, New Jersey and Washington.

We are very pleased to see Mrs. Josephine Thompson back at work after her recent operation.

Dietary Tidbits

Edith and Irving Brown, two of our dependable relief helpers, have gone —Edith to Teacher's College and Irving into the Army.

Vincent Alisouskas of White Kitchen has transferred his infectious smile to the U. S. Air Force and John Lull of White Kitchen volunteered himself into the Navy.

Fourteen Dietetic Interns received their Diploma from Dr. Dean Clark on September 6. Misses Dunn, Field, Aaness and Wood are remaining at M.G.H. as well as Misses Davis and Gourlay who will be here temporarily. Miss Olsen will remain in the family. She will be at McLean.

Miss Marjorie Wood left immediately after graduation for her home in Star City, Indiana, where she became Mrs. Clare Karsten.

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Ether Day Celebrations at the M. G. H.

Awarding of Service Pins
Old Timers' Dinner

Ether Day of 1950 will long be remembered for the two programs which marked its celebration. The awarding of service pins to those of the hospital family who have completed ten, twenty, thirty, forty or fifty years of service took place in the afternoon. The evening saw our first "Old Timers' Dinner" with 250 guests who included those who have served in the hospital for twenty years or more and their spouses.

The afternoon program took place in the Moseley Rotunda which was filled with an interested audience. Dr. Dean A. Clark spoke of the importance of each job in the hospital service, the place of the hospital in the community, the future of the hospital and the opportunity the hospital has in the new Social Security coverage. He then presented service pins to 37 employees, Katherine Alajajian, Elsie Atherton, Ernest Becker, Josephine Cagnina, Frank Campanello, Mildred Castle, Joseph Cavallaro, Alfred G. Ellis, John Flynn, Dorothy Galvin, Beatrice Kanter, Harry Kerbeshian, Allen Mathewson, Ruby McDonald, Agnes McGovern, Mary Nesbitt, Philip Novelline, Sylvia Perkins, Agnes Redman, Carroll Smith, Elizabeth Smith, William Stewart and Anna M. Viden for ten years of service; and Carl Althausen, D. Joseph Callahan, Wilfred Cloutier, Rachel E. Crocker, Borghas Deroyian, Catherine Higgins, Margaret Kelley, Sarah Lifvergren, Eileen M. McLaughlin, William J. MacNair, Martha C. Sawyer, Olive Slauenwhite, Bertha W. Smith, and Ellen Wood for twenty years.

The "Old Timers'" dinner in the evening brought together professional and non-professional personnel, members of the Board of Trustees and of the Corporation, members of the Ladies' Visiting Committee, members of the hospital family who have been pensioned—everybody who has been connected with the hospital 20 years or more. Approximately 400 invitations were sent out. The dinner party was the gift of a generous friend of the hospital; and the wives and husbands of the "Old Timers'" were guests of another generous friend who made the contribution through the Ladies' Visiting Committee.

Dr. James H. Means receiving the three star service pin from Dr. Dean A. Clark at the Old Timers' Dinner.

A delicious dinner was served with student nurses acting as waitresses. Each table was supplied with birthday cakes and the ranking senior guest at each table cut the cake. Mr. Eric Frankson, highest ranking "Old Timer", stood to cut the cake at the head table.

The program of the evening featured the Ether film which was made nineteen years ago, reproducing the scene and action of the first operation under ether in the Ether Dome of Bulfinch on October 16, 1846. Many of those who took part in the produc-

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Lending a Hand Means Higher Pay

The administration of the Massachusetts General Hospital has set up a policy which will work for the benefit of every employee. Its good effects have already spread throughout the hospital. This policy aims at the high standards of work found in industry—and pay commensurate with such work.

Experiments have been made in two departments during the year with the result that these departments are operating with a smaller staff of people and the money saved thereby has been given as increased wages to the workers who have proved that they can carry the load. Some of these workers are older people—some are young—some are in between. Age has nothing to do with it. The measuring stick is production.

Production of work is the measuring stick in industry and commerce. It can apply to any job. This does not mean overtime work or overworked employees. It means a steady intelligent application to the job at hand and a personal interest in results.

Studies are being made of departments all over the hospital. Reorganization is taking place in some of them. Their aim is efficiency—the avoiding of useless time.

Time may be rendered useless through poor methods of work, poor working conditions, duplication of effort, unsatisfactory assignments, poor organization. The study of a department by the department head and someone assigned from the administration is inevitably aided by suggestions from the employees in the department. Such suggestions are valuable. They are appreciated and they result in increased pay for the worker and his fellow employees in his department.

An attitude of cooperation from all members of the hospital family can help toward our objectives. When selective increases of salary are made those who carry a full share of the department work and want to "lend a hand" are remembered first.

Community Chest

The attitude of interest and cooperation among the Hospital family toward the yearly Community Chest campaign has been evident in the 1950 effort. Hospital people have first-hand information about how hospitals help. They know that many who come to hospitals as well as many who do not come need aid and advice of family agencies, child welfare agencies and those who plan for and help old people. Those of us who work in hospitals are nearer to the heart of things because of our first-hand, day-by-day experience.

The tradition of the M.G.H. and the E. & E. is "to go over the top" in our Community Chest campaigns. We are among the heaviest beneficiaries of the Community Chest funds which help in the service we give in treatment, teaching and research. We have not failed when the Chest asks for our help. This year M.G.H. contributed $14,600 toward the community goal under the leadership of Dr. Leon Leger.

The Red Feather thermometer in the front lobby of the Infirmary "blew its top" on November 6, reaching 111%. Out of 14 departments, 11 had contributions from all their personnel, thanks to the excellent work of Mrs. Eunice Wilson, Director of Social Service, Chairman of this year's drive and her solicitors. Each contributor was given a lucky number entitling him to a chance on a surprize drawing.
The winner was Miss Phyllis Brown, Administrative Secretary,

Civilian Defense

The Blood Bank has started its typing of all employees with the Nursing Department. Other departments will follow in turn until all of the hospital family have been typed. This is done free of charge and is necessary for everyone's protection because in an emergency anyone of us may need a transfusion.

ETHER DAY

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tion of the film attended the dinner, costumed as they were when they portrayed the famous event. Dr. James H. Means, who had acted as impressario of the film, acted as narrator during its showing.

Dr. Culver acted as Master of Ceremonies and introduced Dr. Clark who gave an interesting and amusing picture of the contrast between 1930, 1950 and what might be expected 30 years hence.

Dr Cope as conductor, with Dr. Atherton at the piano, led the group in singing old tunes with new words. Mr. Francis W. Hatch of the Board of Trustees, had written the lyrics for this celebration with his well-known humor and apt adaptation.

The last number on the program was a skit, written and acted by members of the House Staff. It was a highly ridiculous satire on a ward visit of long ago and of today. The cast was happily augmented by Margaret Maher, a nurse who played the part of a nurse with the contrasting periods in uniforms.

It was a happy birthday party with the ether theme well in the foreground.

SOCIAL SECURITY WITHIN REACH

Social Security, Old Age and Survivors Insurance, to which we have been looking forward for so long, is almost within reach. There are three steps to reach our goal: (1) the vote of the Massachusetts General Hospital Trustees to certify the Hospital's desire for this insurance and their willingness to pay their share of the tax, which has been done, (2) the securing of Social Security numbers for all who do not have them, and (3) a two-third vote of employees indicating their wish to be covered by Social Security.

The forms for the employee vote will be available, we are promised, about the middle of November. When we have these certificates to send with the certificates of the Trustees to the authorizing office, we may hope to have our insurance effective early in 1951.

COSTUMES OF ETHER DAY, 1846, AT THE "OLD TIMER'S" DINNER

(Left to right) Miss Maher, Dr. Berg, Dr. Ford, Dr. Goetz.

(Left to right) Mr. Gray, Mr. Macomber, Dr. Clark.

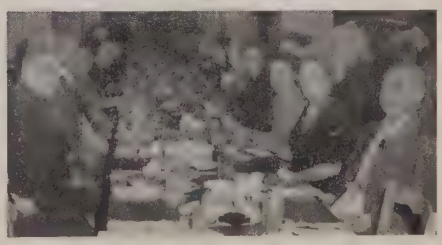
(Left to right) Dr. Goetz, Miss Maher, Dr. Ford.

(Left to right) Mr. Frankson, Dr. Monks, Mr. McNair, Dr. Sturgis (patient), Dr. J. C. White, Dr. Churchill.

(Left to right, front row) Dr. Churchill, Dr. Monks, Mr. Frankson, Dr. Sturgis, Dr. J. C. White.

(Left to right, back row) Dr. Culver, Dr. Means, Dr. Berg, Mr. McNair, Mr. Macomber, Mr. Gray, Dr. Clark, Dr. Laster, Dr. Ferguson.

(Left to right) Dr. Clark and Mr. Frankson cutting cake.



Guests at the Ether Day Old Timers' Dinner.

ABOUT FOLKS

Eye and Ear Infirmary

The Infirmary Open House, held October 19, was to acquaint the community with the enlarged services the Infirmary now has to offer as the result of the Building Program.

Three schedules were planned to take care of the more than 700 visitors —doctors, donors and community representatives. The morning session, from 10 to 12 was attended by doctors from the Boston hospitals and health organizations who were interested in the operations scheduled from 10 to 11. At 11 the operating rooms were opened for inspection and coffee was served in the newly decorated Surgeons' Parlor.

Community agencies and the general public were the guests at the two to four hours when guided tours introduced our visitors to the different departments and services of the hospital. Volunteers and hospital personnel served as guides. Many departments had exhibits depicting their work, such as the Social Service Department's exhibit of services rendered to the handicapped and its cooperation with other community agencies. The Clinic for the Deaf demonstrated speech classes for the young hard of hearing child, and the Occupational Therapy Department displayed examples of patients' handwork as well as Braille and the Talking Book. Dr. David Donaldson of the Howe Laboratory and Dr. Brendan Leahy, Associate Surgeon in Ophthalmology, set up parts of their exhibits which won prizes at the meetings of the American Academy of Ophthalmology and Oto-Laryngology held in Chicago the first week of October. Dr. Leahy's exhibit on the Corneal Transplant was in the Eye Bank Office and Dr. Donaldson's exhibit of three dimensional eye photography was set up in the Howe Library. Punch and cookies were served by the Dietary Department to all.

The Board of Managers, Corporation, and Ladies Visiting Committee were hosts from four to six to all who contributed to the Building Program. Tea was served by the Ladies Visiting Committee and tours were taken to acquaint our donors with the reconstruction and building made possible by their generosity. Especially interesting were the air-conditioned operating room suites, the new semi-private rooms and new fifth floor of private rooms with their pastel tile baths. Everyone was pleasantly surprised to see the gratifying results of remodelling an old building.

OPD News

The OPD Admitting Staff wishes Miss Martha Davidson the best of luck in her new position with the Eye & Ear Infirmary starting Nov. 1st. Her charming smile and manner will be missed by many patients and friends.

Mrs. Margaret Matthie is to be Assistant Director of Nursing Service in charge of the O.P.D.

The position of Chief Admitting Officer will be held by Miss Florence Giberti.

There are several changes in the nursing staff of the Eye Clinic. Miss Eunice Grant became Mrs. Leland V. Page on Oct. 28th. Miss Oleto Allen, who has been in the Ear, Nose & Throat Clinic for many years, will become Head Nurse in the Eye Clinic. After doing relief work in the Ear & Eye Clinics all summer, Miss Marjorie Halstead will be staff nurse in the Eye Clinic.

To replace Miss Allen, Miss Margaret Manning will be Staff Nurse in the Ear, Nose, & Throat Clinic.

Mrs. Griesemer, one of the OPD family, has left to return to school.

Miss Meenan's Secretary, Miss Lois Neuburgh was married Oct. 29th. She will return after the honeymoon to her position in the OPD.

The two House Officers for the Dental Clinic this year are Dr. Owen Kite and Dr. George Christman. Dr. Paul Sweet has been made Clinical Assistant.

Harvest Barn Dance

On the evening of Wednesday, November 15, the Hospital family enjoyed a very successful Harvest Barn Dance. Moseley Rotunda carried fall colors and an array of decorations with the barn motif, a harvest moon and pumpkins. Many of the dancers wore fancy costumes which added gaiety to the scene.

The Wilbur Pinckney Orchestra gave their services for this event through the courtesy of the Music Performance Trust Fund, Local 535, A. F. of M. It was a superb performance and much appreciated. Square dances and occasional polkas and waltzes alternated with social dancing. Cider and doughnuts were served as refreshments. The proceeds of the dance are divided between the Research Fund and the Employees' Recreation Fund.

The invited guest included: Dr. and Mrs. Dean A. Clark, Dr. and Mrs. Charles L. Clay, Dr. and Mrs. Ellsworth T. Neumann and Dr. and Mrs. Leon Lezer.

The Planning Committee of the dance included: Lois D. McCoy, Chairman, Roscoe C. Adams, Beatrice Antonelli, Jean Bell, Rose Brooks, Betty Carlson, Joan Cox, Jean Farrell, Mildred Hagstrom, Ann Kotasenski and Alice Lotz.

We hope Miss Beatrice Kanter will continue to improve and not have to be on the sick list again. Welcome back.

Linda Kelley, daughter of John and Katherine Kelley, enjoying a fall drive. John Kelley is in the Housekeeping Department.

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M. G. H. Building Program

Proposed Pathology Building at the Massachusetts General Hospital to be built on Allen Street.

New Buildings for Nurses' Training and Pathology

For an adequate army of nurses and adequate weapons to fight disease two new units are to be constructed at the Massachusetts General Hospital. One is a Nurses Training School and Dormitory and the other is a Pathology Building. In both these instances the Hospital already has available part of the required funds so that this campaign is designed to secure sufficient additional funds to make this construction possible.

Our need for nurse training facilities has been present for many years but has become emphasized by the current emergency and the serious need for additional nurses both for the armed services and civilian medical care. At present the Massachusetts General Hospital School of Nursing, which was the third school of nursing to be established in the United States, has reached its maximum capacity. Unless additional living space and classrooms are provided the School cannot be expanded. Indeed even our existing living quarters are very antiquated and inadequate for the type of nursing school that we should like to conduct.

With the present campaign it is hoped to raise $1,000,000 toward nurse training facilities which, together with the present fund for this purpose, $500,000 will be sufficient to provide living space for 280 students and graduates, additional classrooms sufficient to increase our School of Nursing enrollment from 420 to 600 students, and recreation space for both nurses and House Officers.

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Massachusetts Eye and Ear Infirmary Moves Occupational Therapy

On January second, the Occupational Therapy Department moved into its new, large room on the basement corridor opposite the Cafeteria. Aqua walls, curtains and large comfortable chairs give it a pleasant homelike atmosphere. Here the ambulatory patients come for their classes in crafts, weaving, textile designs and pottery making. Magazines and books are available to them and a Book Cart goes three times a week to the wards for those patients confined to their beds.

The new room has ample space for storage of materials for crafts and toys for the nursery. Large shelves house the extensive patients' library, the "Talking Books" for the blind patients and the victrola used in the nursery program. A sink is to be installed to facilitate pottery making and painting.

For eye patients, the major purpose of Occupational Therapy is to instruct them in such crafts as will utilize their other senses, especially their sense of touch. This craft teaches the patient agility so that he becomes adept at hand work and may eventually get a job doing specialized assembly work. For those patients who are only temporarily wearing bandages, craft work gives something purposeful to do during hours of enforced idleness. All eye patients are referred to the OT Department by their doctors. Ear, Nose and Throat patients are automatically referred to the Department and may join the craft classes or do individual hand work.

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A Letter To You From Dr. Clark

Dear Friends,

This has been a good year and I would like to thank you for making it so. In spite of unsettling conditions brought on by war time economy we were able to continue our policy of increasing salaries for merit without having an alarming deficit this year.

This, however, is not my reason for thanking you, for deficits can build up no matter how hard we try. What I wish to thank you for is the spirit and initiative which you have consistently shown throughout the year in making improvements in almost every phase of the Hospital's activities. This means not only our Service Departments but also our Professional Services as well. The patients have appreciated it and your fellow-workers have appreciated what was done for them by improvements in other departments. Our financial and statistical reports have clearly revealed these many improvements.

Every month I receive word of the large number of valuable scientific publications written by our doctors. The fact that scientific societies readily accept and publish the contributions of the men and women in this hospital reveals the esteem with which our people are held. It also reveals our part in the eradication of cancer, arthritis and other killing and invaliding diseases.

There is no department or division of this Hospital whose improvement in work is not immediately reflected in our patient care and research. Each of you is playing an indispensable role in this great work; and for this you have my deep and personal gratitude.

Sincerely yours,
DEAN A. CLARK

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Much the same situation exists with respect to Pathology. Now Pathology is not as well known to the public as a necessary function in a hospital as is a school of nursing. The public does not see the pathologist, as a rule, and many people do not realize that upon the quality of the work of the Pathology Department very largely rests the quality of medical care given in a hospital.

The Pathology Laboratory is really the point at which the developments of modern biological science are applied for the benefit of the patient. It is in the Pathology Laboratory, for example, that the scientist does the miscroscopic examinations which make it possible for the physicians and surgeons to confirm their clinical diagnosis or to learn when further clinical examinations must be done in order to establish a diagnosis. Indeed it is the pathologist who really directs the surgeon in his treatment of such conditions as cancer because only the pathologist, through the examination of microscopic tissue sections, can tell the surgeon when he has removed all of the cancerous tissue.

The Pathology Laboratory of the Massachusetts General Hospital was built in 1895 when the Hospital had 250 beds. Today this same building houses the Pathology Service for a hospital of more than 900 beds. At the same time the responsibilities of teaching medical students in pathology have greatly increased at the Hospital so that we are literally asking our Pathology Department now to make bricks without straw.

We all want to make certain that the high scientific standards of our Hospital continue to improve with the best in the world, and this can be possible only if we furnish adequate facilities for the training of young scientists in pathology and for the application of scientific methods through our Pathology Laboratory to the care of thousands of ambulatory and bed patients who come every year to the Massachusetts General Hospital.

There will be other developments as time goes on but we earnestly believe that these two, Nurse Training Facilities and a New Pathology Building, are the most basic of our present needs. We are asking the public of Boston, and indeed of all New England, to give generously for the continued improvement of patient care and scientific medicine for the future in the Massachusetts General Hospital.

Tribute for Harold Emrich

On Friday evening, January 19, some half-hundred members of the Accounting Department, IBM Tabulating Department, Credit and Collection Department, Credit Union et al gathered at Hon Hong Low's Restaurant to wish Godspeed to Harold L. Emrich, Chief Accountant of Massachusetts General Hospital. With his military police reserve outfit, Captain Emrich was about to re-enter the Armed Forces. His going-away party was one of the most spontaneous demonstrations of good will and appreciation we have experienced.

Mr. E. Russell Greenhood was an admirable master of ceremonies. He first introduced Miss Frances Hernan, Credit Manager of MGH, who paid tribute to Mr. Emrich's cooperative genius. Miss Hernan's personal and timely gift to Mr. Emrich was a leather traveling bag.

Then Dr. Ellsworth T. Neumann, Assistant Director, gave a whimsical characterization of the guest of honor.

Mr. Emrich, in thanking those present, expressed his appreciation for the thoughtfulness shown him. He is now "Deep in the Heart of Texas" as well as deep in the heart of MGH.

OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY
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Also under the OT Department is the nursery program. Students from the various schools and colleges that offer nursery training, give volunteer hours in the nursery as play therapists. Painting, clay, finger paints, pasting, cutting, games, songs and victrola records are provided for the children under the supervision of these volunteer students. The OT Department guides the students in this work, offering suggestions for projects.

Miss Alice Louise Hogan is the new Director of OT. She replaced Miss Patricia Howe who left to become Mrs. Lot Page, late in December. Miss Hogan took her training at the University of New Hampshire School of Occupational Therapy and held a position in the children's department at the Metropolitan State Hospital in Waltham prior to coming to the Infirmary. Miss Hogan's assistant is Miss Jean Zickell, a graduate of the Boston School of Occupational Therapy.

The M. G. H. carol singers in the front lobby of White Building.

Robert Williams, who sang "Rudolph, the Red Nosed Reindeer" at the Childrens' Christmas party.

Magician entertaining youngsters at the Childrens' Christmas party.

Parisian Street Scene, a gay meeting place at the M. G. H. Family Christmas party.

Christmas at M.G.H.

As the photographs in our Christmas picture supplement indicate the M.G.H. was a happy place during the Christmas season. A party for patients was given by the Ladies' Visiting Committee Wednesday before the holiday with a program of music and the famous Georgia May as guest entertainer. Christmas carols were sung on the wards and out of doors for the patients by the M.G.H. Carol Singers.

The big event of the holidays was the M.G.H. family party. Three thousand invitations to M.G.H. members of the Corporation, Trustees, Ladies' Committee, volunteers and everybody on the payroll included families and children. It was estimated that about 250 children and 2500 adults attended.

The childrens' party, in Moseley Rotunda from 7 to 8, was complete with magician and Mr. and Mrs. Santa Claus. Robert Williams sang, "Rudolph, the Red Nosed Reindeer". It was a gay scene and every child left with some token from Santa. From 8 to midnight, the Rotunda was devoted to dancing with the Wilbur Pinckney Orchestra providing the music.

The program for adults took place in East Cafeteria. As a tribute to the foreign-born of our hospital family, there were Christmas carols sung by four guests, Miss Katherine Iaconis, Italian; Miss Daila Kaucis, Latvian; Mr. and Mrs. Deran Dinjian, Armenian; and Mrs. Ludwig Juht, Polish. Charles Leonard a magician, performed at both the Childrens' Party and the Adult Party. Dr. Dean A. Clark gave the guests a welcome from the hospital and Dr. Robert Berg and Dr. James H. Means acted as Masters of Ceremonies. Louis Jeffrey gave an accordion solo. Jane Grizboski, the circulating accordionist, added much to the entertainment of the guests in all areas where refreshments were being served.

One of the gayest meeting places was the Parisian Street Scene arranged by Mrs. Muriel Miller of Medical Art and her assistants.

More than 150 members of the hospital family helped to make the first M.G.H. Family Christmas Party the success that it was.

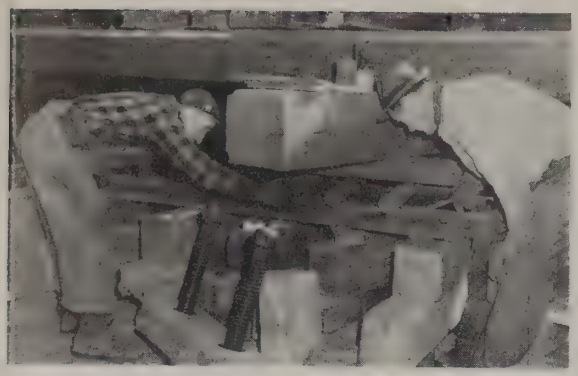
Parking Prize

First prize for careful and efficient parking was awarded to Miss Muriel Dow for the year 1950. George E. Hamilton presented the box of Schrafft's candy to Miss Dow on December 19. Miss MacLaughlin of Dr. Butler's office received a similar prize for 1949.

Antique China Sale

A sale of Onion and Wedgwood China formally used in the M.G.H. took place in March. Many interested in acquiring souvenir pieces, both useful and beautiful, took advantage of this opportunity.

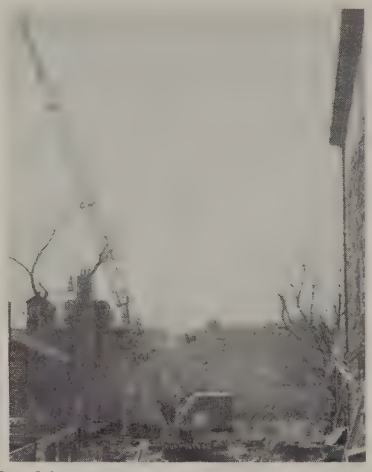
Congratulations to THE NEWS for its "Lampoon" issue.



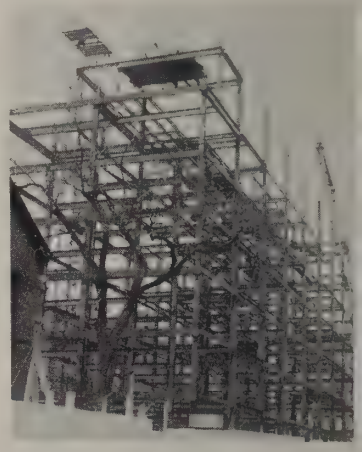
Two riggers are adjusting the rollers under the Resident Physician's House during the moving operations.

The Resident Physician's house, in this picture, is about mid-way on its journey to its new location. The truck at the left furnishes power for pulling the house along on the rollers. Note the cables on the ground leading to the house.

Workmen are placing concrete for a section of the basement walk.



Looking toward Fruit Street from Allen Street. The Resident Physician's House is in its final location. Structural steel framing is progressing while formwork for the concrete basement walk is going ahead at the lower left of the picture.



This view from Blossom Street shows the steel framework nearly completed. The open tower in the background will be used for hoisting materials to the floor levels during construction.

Setting the Corner Stone

Front Row—Dr. Dean A. Clark, Dr. Robert F. Loeb, Dr. Lowell J. Reed, Dr. Herbert S. Gasser, Mr. Phillips Ketchum.

Back Row—Mr. Henry R. Shepley, Mr. Ralph Lowell, Dr. Walter Bauer and Mr. John R. Macomber.

The exterior is nearly completed. The East end of the Bulfinch Building is at the left.

The large crane is setting the steel columns in place for "bolting down" by the iron-workers.

A typical wall bench and storage cabinet in one of the finished laboratories.

XMAS PARTY

Miss Daila Kaucis and her accompanist, who sang Latvian Christmas carols at the Christmas party.

Dr. Dean A. Clark and family with the big balloon.

Mr. and Mrs. Deran Dinjian, singers of Armenian Carols at the M. G. H. Family Christmas party.

Childrens' Christmas party with Mr. and Mrs. Santa Claus and Dr. Robert Berg, master of ceremonies in background.

The Wilbur Pinckney orchestra provided music for many of the hospital family and their friends in a gay dance program.

Jane Grizboski and her accordion, who brought gaiety to many refreshment areas during the Christmas party.

1950

Mrs. Ludwig Juht who sang Esthonian Christmas carols at the party for adults.

ABOUT FOLKS

Baker Memorial Hospital Aides

On Christmas night Miss Erminie Dixon became engaged.

We welcome all the new aides to Baker Memorial and hope that they will enjoy their stay with us.

Miss Yolanda Forgione of Baker 7 was formerly in the WACS.

Housekeeping

Word has been received that Pvt. John Naughton, who was employed in the Baker Housekeeping Department, is now stationed at Hg. & Hg. Det. 393rd Ordinance Battalion, Fort Lewis, Washington.

Before he left his friends in Baker Housekeeping gave him a Cigarette Lighter and a Parker "51" Pen and Pencil Set.

Mr. W. J. MacNair, who recently returned from the American Hospital Institute Meeting which was held in Chicago, has received his Diploma awarded him in the Study of Housekeeping and is now making a Time Study on Supplies and Labor.

Raymond Johnson, a third year student at Tuft's Dental School and employed part-time in the Bulfinch Housekeeping Department has been called by Uncle Sam. We will miss you Ray.

Record Room News

Alice Bernazani of the correspondence section received a beautiful solitaire on Chrismas day which certainly signifies wedding bells 'ere long. The lucky boy is Augustin Hollohan.

General Nursing

Now working as an assistant supervisor of lay personnel-hospital aides and ward helpers is Miss Kathaleen O'Connor. Miss O'Connor attended Beaver College in Jenkintown, Pennsylvania after which she trained in the Muhlanberg Hospital School of Nursing in Plainfield, New Jersey. Miss O'Connor served as a Navy nurse after her graduation. Following her Navy service she studied at Boston University receiving the degrees of Bachelor of Science in Nursing Education and a Master of Arts in Health Education. Previous to joining the staff of the M.G.H. Miss O'Connor was associated with the Massachusetts Heart Association as a health educator.

The Maintenance Department has suffered the loss of Mr. Lindsey Oakley, who passed away Monday, January 7, 1951, after an illness of approximately a month. He was a veteran of the first World War. His services to the Hospital have been faithful for the past twenty-two years. Mr. Oakley was a native of Newfoundland where his remains will be interred.

Dietary Tidbits

Things you may not have heard about:

Larry Hitchcock of White Dish Room is in the Navy.

Ernie Kahn of White Kitchen is in the Army.

Alex Michaels of White Kitchen is in the Air Force.

Arthur Roust of the Bake Shop is in the Marines.

Harriet Ross of East Cafeteria was married on February 17th to Henry Davis of Georgia; Blanche Bassett of East Cafeteria is engaged to Edward Daniels of Boston; Rita Mason of West Cafeteria is engaged to Alfred Hanson of Arlington. Irving Brown, formerly of White Kitchen, paid us a visit when he was on leave from camp in Wisconsin. Grace Varella of Nurses' spent a leave of absence in Florida and came back with a gleam in her eye and a healthy tan. Cora Coleman, who served in Nurses' for nearly six years, has returned to California, which is her home. We had cards from her with greetings for everyone.

Phillips House

There have been many changes in the personnel of the Phillips House Operating Room Staff. Last October Miss Marion Skamaryez, whose cheery and efficient presence added zest to the group, was married to Mr. Wiano Maitaleinen in St. Joseph's Church, Gardner, Massachusetts. She was a lovely bride in white satin and lace. Many of her associates attended the ceremony and the large reception which followed.

Recent additions are Miss Marjorie Wood, M.G.H. '47, and Miss Mary Wilson, M.G.H. '35 who have many friends among the Hospital family.

Fortunately Miss Helen Coughlin still energetically "carries on".

Vacationing in warmer climes seems a popular pastime with Phillips House people. Mrs. Janet Hersey, the third floor secretary, is enjoying a motor trip through Florida.

Everyone misses the cheerful personality of Mrs. Ruby Macdonald, who has resigned after ten years of efficient service as secretary on the second floor.

Miss Mary Cummings has announced her engagement to Mr. Joseph Malloy and is wearing an interesting ring.

We shall all miss the energetic Messenger, Clarabelle Kelley, when she leaves us, soon, to go "in training" at the Deaconess Hospital.

Baker Memorial

Mrs. Ann Gavin, A.H.N., on Baker 5, is now working in the Recovery Room in the Operating Room.

We are sorry that Miss Helen Arcadia left B.M. 4 to enter B. U. in February. We are all wishing her the best of luck.

It was nice to see Benny Parsons visiting with us while on his Christmas furlough.

Very glad to see Mrs. Turner, B.M.O.R., back on duty after three months in Europe.

Sorry to see Alfred Fortin leaving the B.M.O.R.—called to the Service.

Miss Anderson left Baker Anesthesia for a promotion in the General. Mrs. Barnes replaced her as head of Anesthesia in B.M.O.R. We were most unhappy to hear that Mrs. Sawyer, on B. 5, had broken her wrist. Here's hoping that she will be back with us soon.

Mrs. Elaine (Blaisdell) Cannell is awaiting the arrival of a visit from Mr. Stork.

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New Research Building Now Open

Dr. James H. Means and Sir Charles R. Harington, speakers at the opening of the Research Building.

New Safety Program Started

A new system for handling the employee accident problem has been started during the last few months at M.G.H. and the Eye and Ear Infirmary. A large portion of the responsibility for its control has been given to a group of employees. This group is called the Hospital Safety Board. The members are:

Mrs. Frances Harvey, Dietary
Mr. Carl Dexter, Maintenance
Mr. Frank Mayers, Laundry
Mr. William Conley, Eye and Ear
Mr. Louis Parker, General Nursing
Miss Bernatha Floyd, General Nursing
Miss Phyllis George, General Nursing
Mr. LeRoy English, Baker Nursing
Mrs. Jean Serles, Baker Nursing
Miss Ann Parillo, Baker Nursing
Mr. Fred Drew, Phillips House Nursing
Miss Patricia Jusko, Phillips House Nursing
Mr. William Cross, Maintenance
Mr. Paul Murphy, Housekeeping
Miss Elsie Salmi, Eye and Ear

The work of these members will cover both investigating the accidents that occur within their departments and promoting safety consciousness. They will investigate every accident that occurs within the hospital thoroughly, with the objective of preventing other accidents in the future. Everyone who has an accident will be encouraged to give thought to its real cause so that other employees can be saved from a similar experience.

We cannot be very proud of our

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Research Speeches Attract Scientists

More than 5,000 persons inspected the new Research Building at its opening on May 16. From ten o'clock in the morning until six in the afternoon a steady stream of visitors poured through the doors and over the five floors now in use. Volunteer guides and members of the staff who will use the building worked in shifts to escort, explain and interpret the use of the equipment housed in the building.

In the morning a scientific program was given in the Moseley Rotunda with Dr. Means as chairman. The speakers included the following doctors: William H. Sweet, A. Baird Hastings, Fritz Lipman, Brown M. Dobyns, Paul C. Zamecnic, Henry K. Beecher, William T. Salter, Francis O. Schmitt and Linus Pauling. The Edward Peirson Richardson Lecture was delivered by Sir R. Harington, F.R.S., M.A., PhD., ScD.

About 800 guests weer served luncheon on the Bulfinch lawn. Volunteer hostesses and the Dietary Department officiated. The Harvard Glee Club sang from Bulfinch balcony.

The Dedicatory Exercises took place on the Bulfinch lawn with Francis Calley Gray, Chairman of the Board of Trustees, as chairman. The speakers included Dr. George Packer Berry, Dean, Harvard Medical School, James Rhyne Killian, Jr., President, Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Dr. Dean Alexander Clark, General Director, Massachusetts General Hospital, Dr. Warren Palmer Dearing, Deputy Surgeon General, Public Health Service, Sir Charles Robert Harington, Director, National Institute for Medical Research, London, England.

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Winners of Bowling League Awards

Bottom row left to right, Dr. Ellsworth Neumann, J. Mendes, A. Kimball, W. Cloutier; middle row, M. Giggi, L. Jeffrey, J. Muollo, S. Gasdia, J. St. Pierre; back row, E. Gray, M. McLean, J. Tobin.

Bowling League Awards

The MGH Bowling League finished its second successful season on Thursday, April 26, 1951, with a banquet at the Vienna Room of Stueben's Restaurant on Boylston Street. Members and their guests enjoyed a delicious dinner and gala floor show. The second annual presentation of trophies was made by Dr. Ellsworth T. Neumann, Assistant Director, who

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again proved to be an entertaining and witty speaker.

Separate awards were made for the first half and second half of the season. Until the beginning of 1951, the League was organized, as in the 1949-50 season, in departmental teams. In order to stimulate competition and promote a more even distribution of skill, the league was reorganized for the second half of the season. Eight teams were formed, each composed of men from different departments. Assignment was made on the basis of bowling averages, so that there was an even distribution of scores on each team. The resultant spirit of competition proved the value of the reorganization. No one knew from one week to the next which of the eight teams was going to finish on top, the Yankees, the Gophers, the King Pins, the Strikers, the Sad Sacks, the Bombers, the Panthers, or the Rusty Mugs.

The winning team in the first half of the season was Maintenance. Members of the team were Malcolm McLean, Captain, Michael Giggi, Caesar Muollo, John Tobin, Everett Gray, and Spare, Archie Kimball.

Prize awards for highest scores in

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Tea For Volunteers

A Tea for the volunteers of the Massachusetts Eye and Ear Infirmary was held at the Nurses' Residence on Friday, April 27, from three-thirty to five-thirty in the afternoon. The Tea gave the volunteers an opportunity to receive the thanks and appreciation of the Infirmary for their many hours of service and to meet each other informally.

The "honor guests" at the Tea were the 11 volunteers who served 100 hours or more during 1950 and Miss Harriet F. Parker, Director of the Volunteer Service Bureau, who presented their 100 hour service pins. These are the official service pins of the American Hospital Association and are a mark not only of service to the Infirmary, but also signify that the American Hospital Association has recognized the Infirmary's volunteer program as acceptable by its standards.

Last year under the able supervision of Miss Phyllis Scott, the Infirmary's expanded volunteer program had 68 workers over a twelve month period. The volunteers held 22 different jobs and their hours of service totaled 3627. The Hospital has 45 volunteers at the present time working in the Eye Clinic, the Admitting Office, the Nursery, the Eye Bank, the Library, and as ward secretaries on various floors.

This was the first tea to be given

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SAFETY PROGRAM

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past record. In 1950 there were 480 on duty accidents with a total of 1114 days lost. This can be cut down we know. With the work which the Safety Board has started, and the real interest of all employees, the number of accidents and the resulting lost time should be far less this year.

The Safety Board has brought and will bring many accident hazards to light—hazards that could not be discovered except by those who are doing the work themselves. The Safety Board members will need help in discovering potential danger to employees. They hope that anyone who has any suggestions will let them know, or put any ideas they may have in one of the suggestion boxes.

With the cooperation of everyone at M.G.H. and the Eye and Ear the accident rate will be cut way down. We ask your interest and cooperation so that this can be done.

1951 Offering of M. G. H. Operetta Company

"PIRATES OF PENZANCE"

Dana Freeman as the Major-general in the first act of Gilbert & Sullivan's "Pirates of Penzance".

Frank Smetz, Sergeant of Police, and his cohorts.

Trio of leads, Fred Wilson, Pirate King, Tom Connolly as Frederic and Dusty Gould as Ruth, the piratical maid of all work.

Dana Freeman, the Major General, surrounded by his startled daughters.

Madeline Regan, young dancer, in chorus of first act.

Ruth, the piratical maid of all work, beseeches Frederic to take her with him on his new venture.

Daughters of the Major General. Front row: Esther Reade, Bernetha Floyd; Back row: Eileen Wolseley, Elaine Pinkham, Louise Barnes, Elsie Comeau.

End of first act with all cast, "Hail Poetry". Front row: Fred Wilson as Pirate King, Dana Freeman as Major General, Sonia Lewchuk as Mabel, Tom Connolly as Frederic, Louise Fred as Kate and Stephen Corsaro as Samuel, Lieutenant of Pirate King.

The Major General, Dana Freeman, is comforted by a group of his daughters. Front row: Gabrielle Bouvier, Edna Larson; back row: Madelyn Regan, Aletha Elmer, Eileen Wolseley and Esther Reade.

ABOUT FOLKS

Eye & Ear Infirmary

Miss Florence Morrissey, R.N. of the Anesthesia Department, retired after 32 years of unusually interesting work at the Eye and Ear Infirmary. Miss Morrissey who was born in Barnscliff, Prince Edward Island, graduated from the Cushing Hospital in 1912.

Miss Morrissey became interested in anesthesia during her nurse's training period and after graduation continued this work at Cushing Hospital for two years. Later she took the post of O. R. Supervisor and Assistant Anesthetist at the Charlesgate Hospital.

She came to the Infirmary in August 1919 as O. R. Supervisor and Anesthetist. Trained and guided by Dr. Freeman Allen, Miss Morrissey became Chief Anesthetist at the Eye and Ear Infirmary in September of 1923, and held this post until the reorganization of the Anesthesia Department. During her long and outstanding period of work at the Infirmary, she served in over 30,000 cases.

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Miss Jeannette Loessl resigned her post as librarian of the Lucien Howe Library to accept a civilian position attached to the American Army in Germany, where she will be in charge of a library for American personnel and their families. Mr. Charles Snyder is the new Howe Librarian.

Miss Phyllis Scott, Assistant in Public Relations, begins a four month leave of absence on May 9. Miss Scott sails for Europe on the Queen Elizabeth on the 24th of this month and plans to visit Great Britain, France, Spain and Italy.

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Two new technicians who have recently come to the Mosher Laboratory are Mrs. Miriam Webb and Miss Barbara DeLue. Mrs. Webb was born in Russia and educated in Lithuania. She lived in Italy for five years before coming to the United States eight months ago. Miss DeLue is a native of Boston and a graduate of Emmanuel College.

Mrs. Ann Roitman, began working in the Secretary's Office in February. Mrs. Roitman went to school in Michigan and worked for some time in Washington before coming to the Infirmary.

General Nursing

Mr. Ernest J. Middlemiss, M.G.H. Hospital Aide is the proud father of a daughter, Catherine M., born March 15, 1951 at the Mary E. McGowan Memorial Hospital, Methuen, Massachusetts.

BOWLING LEAGUE

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Louis Jeffrey, representing the Yankees, receiving trophy from Dr. Ellsworth Neumann. In background, Ernest Morin, Manager.

the first half of the season went to Joseph St. Pierre of the Nursing Team, who won both High Singles and High Three Strings.

The second half team winners were the Yankees, captained by Louis Jeffrey of the Pharmacy. Other members were John Mendes of Accounting, Michael Giggi of Maintenance, Peter Antonio, Pharmacy, and Wilfred Cloutier of the Nursing Appliance Room.

The award for High Single Score for the second half of the season was won by Salvatore Gasdia of the King Pin Team, who works in the Pharmacy. Malcolm McLean, a Gopher from the Electrical Shop won the High Three Strings Prize.

Throughout the entire season, E. J. Morin acted as Manager, Official Scorer, and Assistant Treasurer of the League. His dependable accuracy in recording scores was appreciated by all members of the League. With the help of John Mendes, Mr. Morin was also responsible for planning and organizing the Bowling Banquet.

Phillips House

A glamorous vacation is being enjoyed by Miss Anne Huggard and Miss Miriam Huggard. On May 1st they flew to Paris. After a few days of sightseeing they left for Switzerland. From there they will go to England, Scotland and Ireland, and then take to the air again for the return trip.

Dan Leary, our faithful paper-boy and law student, is the proud father of a son, born May 9th.

Student Attendant Nurses

On Tuesday, March 13, Dr. Clark welcomed the first student attendant nurses into the hospital family. They are students of the Household Nursing Association, the first school for attendant nurses in this country, established by Mrs. Katharine Shepard Dodge in 1912. These student attendants are on duty in the Baker and we hope everyone will help to make them feel at home.

They are Mrs. Eleanor De Veau, Mrs. Marion Stidstone, and the Misses Phyllis Brophy, Evangeline Cyr, Bridget Dalton, Josephine Scanlon, Theresa Ricci, and Helen Woods.

Red Sox Anniversary

We are happy to state that George R. Hamilton, one of our 20 year employees, received an invitation from the Red Sox to be their guest on its 50th anniversary on Tuesday, May 15th. The officials planned big events for that time. Former players and baseball officials were present. It is quite possible that some of us got a glimpse of Mr. Hamilton on T.V.

New Rest Room

Through the interest of Mrs. Joe Meigs, Phillips House now has a new Rest and Locker Room for the Housekeeping Department and Ward Helpers. The room was opened with tea and reception given invited guests. Mrs. Meigs, cut the ribbon which opened the room for its happy purpose. Coffee was poured by Helen Kaminski and Dosie Peace. Home made refreshments were provided by members of the Housekeeping Dept.

VOLUNTEERS

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for the volunteers, and Mrs. Geneva L. Wayland, Assistant to the Director, represented the Infirmary in extending to the volunteers an official acknowledgment and appreciation of their services. Mrs. Helen Kerwin of the Social Service Department, Miss Ellen McCarthy of the Nursing Department and, Mrs. Francis Hunter, Chairman of the Ladies Visiting Committee and Miss Dorothy M. Tarbox, Superintendent of Nurses were pourers at the Tea where the refreshments were furnished by the Dietary Department.

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REHABILITATION CENTER FOR CRIPPLED AND HANDICAPPED

M. G. H. Provides Building for New Project

The Bay State Rehabilitation Center is located on 255 Charles Street in the building which used to be known as Ward I. The space was turned over to the Center by the trustees of Massachusetts General Hospital. Although the Center is an independent organization financed by the Bay State Society for the Crippled and Handicapped Inc., the Easter Seal Agency, its unique position enables it to take advantage of the specialized facilities of the large general hospital.

The Center is designed to provide that service beyond hospital care needed to restore handicapped and crippled people to their maximum capacity. Through the combined efforts of a medical director, executive director, occupational therapist, and physical therapist, and rehabilitation counsellor and coordinator, the Center hopes to enable their patients to enjoy the fullest life within the limits of their disabilities.

Mr. George L. Batchelder, Jr., is the Executive Director and Dr. Arthur L. Watkins, from M.G.H., is the Medical Director. Throughout the entire process of rehabilitation Miss Ottilie M. Banks offers social service and counseling. She coordinates findings of the staff, analyzes the patient's attitude toward his disability and maintains contact between the Medical Director and the patient's physician.

The Center is open to all physically handicapped persons referred by a hospital, clinic or physician who the staff feels will benefit by the treatments provided. Standard fees have been established but are adjusted according to the patient's ability to pay.

The main entrance to the Center is at 255 Charles Street through the driveway between Phillips House and the Eye and Ear Infirmary. It can also be entered through the first floor of Vincent and the basement corridor from Vincent, the Eye and Ear Infirmary, and the Out-Patient Department.

Miss Marian A. Eiden, Physical Therapist, is shown exercising Mr. Antonio Cavotta who has a fractured knee bone. Mr. Irving Green, a hemoplegie, is on the bicycle and Mrs. Theresa Perry, bilateral above the knee amputee is practicing walking.

It is attractively decorated and contains the floors and furniture that the patient will have to contend with at home and at work. In the large room you first enter coming from Vincent, the patient works under the Physical Therapist, Miss Marian A. Eiden. With the help of a staircase, walking ramp, bicycle, and exercise machine the patient learns the use of artificial limbs and how to get along on his own steam. In the occupational therapy room at the other end of the corridor, Miss Eunice I. Katz evaluates the patient's skills and ability to perform activities of daily living. A fully equipped kitchen provides training for the disabled housewife.

An Open Eye On The M.G.H. Bowling League

FLASH——The M.G.H. Bowling League opened officially on September 7th. From all reports, activity should be better than ever this year. At the last count, 10 teams were lined up; an increase of 2 over last year. Every Friday night from 5:00 P.M. to 7:00 P.M. the men will be playing at the Bond Alleys on Washington Street. After the first five weeks, individual averages will be computed and even teams will be made.

Last year's champs, the Yankees are not favored to repeat for the 1951-1952 championship. Mr. Joseph St. Pierre and Mr. Malcolm McLean are favored to repeat last year's performances with Mr. St. Pierre leading the League in averages by a large margin. Mr. Salvatore Gasdia is not

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Our Team

We all have the same purpose at the M.G.H. It is a high purpose—the care of the sick, the teaching of others who will aid in the care of the sick—and research aimed at cure and prevention of sickness for all mankind. Thus, there is no gap at the M.G.H. between Administration and the employee.

Because there is no gap we can have understanding and confidence, each with the other. We can count on Administration to know the problems of employees and to stand back of them in every way, and Administration can count on the loyal efforts of every employee to achieve our purpose. Up to the point of endangering the financial status of the hospital, the welfare of the employees in every respect will be safeguarded and promoted. The knowledge of this security enables every employee to give of his best to the hospital. Recognition of effort is made regularly. Ideas as to better methods of work, economy of operation or improvement of conditions, if practicable, are rewarded.

Those of us who have worked here long enough to know the M.G.H. know that it is a good place to be. We tell our friends so that when they are looking for jobs they come here. We are the best advertisers for the hospital.

BOWLING

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favored to repeat his high single winner. Mr. John Tobin and Mr. John Mendes will be in hot competition. Mr. Mendes is expected to be the dark horse in a hot race. Notice how relaxed he bowls since he has resigned from the committee. Look out.

At a meeting on August 23rd, the League chose their new officers for the year. Members of the Rules Committee include: Chairman, Malcolm McLean, electrician in maintenance, Salvatore Gasdia, pharmacy, and Louis Jeffrey, pharmacy. Joseph Inferrera from Accounting is the Treasurer and John Tobin, carpenter in maintenance, the assistant. Ernest Morin in general Nursing is the Official Scorekeeper.

Our Warren Library

M.G.H. is like a Ferris Wheel with an amazing complexity of spokes, each spoke a separate, distinct activity. And so it may be that some of us are unaware of the existence of our admirable circulating library.

In 1841, Dr. John C. Warren, one of the hospital founders, established a fund for the purchase of religious and moral books to be given patients on their discharge. Thirty-nine years later, with the consent of Dr. Warren's family, the fund became available for the purchase of books to be loaned to hospitalized patients.

Situated in the Bulfinch basement, the Warren Library now numbers some 5000 volumes. They include fiction, non-fiction, juveniles, periodicals, encyclopedias, reference books and even a foreign language collection. The staff consists of four members: Mrs. Kathleen Sergott, Head Librarian, and Mrs. Katherine Earl, Assistant. They follow the procedure of public libraries with a catalogue system and free service to both patients and employees.

Nursing Department

David Reese, who has been working in Errand Service has recently enrolled as a student in English High School.

Virginia Kelley, Marjorie Griffiths, Alice Clifton, and George Shields have completed the course for Hospital Aides.

Mrs. Pearl Woods of the Emergency Ward is now back with us after three weeks of illness.

Miss Phyllis George from White 11 is now back with us as an Aide. We missed you, Phyllis and are glad to see you back.

Mrs. Ann Kotasenski celebrated her second wedding anniversary on September 10. Congratulations.

Judy Miller of the emergency ward had a wonderful vacation with her family at Old Orchard Beach, Maine.

At this time we would like to extend a welcome to the new Hospital Aides and hope that they will find working here a pleasant and helpful experience.

Safety Committee

The M.G.H. Safety Committee, headed by Dr. Lezer, is made up of representatives from each of the major departments in the hospital. This committee meets each month to discuss recent accidents and promote preventative steps. A recent accident in dietary caused by slippery floors has led to the use of mats.

Mrs. Schade in Staff Clinic keeps records of all accidents and is in charge of making arrangements for workman's compensation. Each accident is also investigated by the member of the committee in the department concerned.

Mrs. Trask Retires

It is with sincere regret that the Hospital and all within its walls face the retirement of Mrs. Sally Trask. At the same time we are happy to welcome Mrs. Adeline E. Morrill as her successor. Mrs. Trask leaves after many years of continuous and highly valued service. Graduating from the M.G.H. School Of Nursing in 1918, she was employed as Head Nurse in the Operating Room from 1922 to 1927, and from 1927 to 1935 held the position of Admitting Officer. She left for a short time to be married and returned as a Hostess at the General Information.

Medical Records Department News

Miss Seymour entertained her students at an informal tea in the Doctors' Dining Room on Wednesday afternoon, September 5th, where they met some of their instructors and members of Administration.

Members of her class this year came from all points of the Continent and even reached across the ocean for the hand of Miss Isobel Spurway who came all the way from Tasmania to learn how to be a medical records librarian. We welcome Priscilla Alden, Barbara Bock, Ellen Fitzgerald, Joyce Gormley, Grace Hallein, Joyce Houston, Patricia Sheeran, Isobel Spurway, and Ann Strayer to our family group.

Dr. Tracy B. Mallory To Be Consultant

Dr. Tracy B. Mallory has retired as Chief of the Pathology Department, as of the 1st of September. He will retain his associations with the M.G.H. as Consultant to the Department. Dr. Benjamin Castleman will be Acting Chief of the Pathology Department.

Warren Library, open to all the Hospital employees for reading or borrowing books. Primarily the Library serves patients. The book cart travels all over the hospital for this purpose—Left to right: Mrs. Kathleen Sergott, Head Librarian, Miss Peggy Voit, clerk in Laundry.

Members of the Safety Committee in discussion. Seated from left to right: Mr. Michael, representing the National Safety Board; Mr. William McGowen, General Nursing orderly; Miss Ann Parillo, Baker Nursing ward helper; Miss Salmi, E&E; Mr. William Conley, E&E; Mr. Frank Mayers, Laundry; Mr. William Cross, Maintenance; Mrs. Mary Lee, Staff Clinic; Miss Bernatha Floyd, General Nursing ward helper; Mr. Fred Drew, Phillips House Nursing orderly; Mrs. Francis Harvey, Dietary; Mr. Carl Dexter, Maintenance; Miss Mary Welch, Baker Nursing hospital aide; and Dr. Leon A. Lezer, Assistant Director. Not present when the picture was taken are Mr. Joseph Keely, Baker Nursing orderly; Mr. Paul Murphy, Housekeeping; and Mr. Joseph Precup, McLean Hospital Nurse. It should also be noted that Mrs. Lee has been replaced by Mrs. Gertrude Schade, also of Staff Clinic.

Mrs. Trask at the General Information Desk will be missed by all.

Mrs. Theresa Perry of Attleboro, Massachusetts. She is a bilateral above the knee amputee and is learning to walk downstairs with the help of the Rehabilitation Center.

Mr. Gino DePaoli of Leominster, a unilateral above the knee amputee having his artificial limb checked by Dr. Watkins at the Rehabilitation Center.

ABOUT FOLKS

Baker Memorial

Miss Helen Vigneau has been promoted to Supervisor of Maids at Baker.

Baker 9 is sorry to lose Miss Ruth E. Poules as Head Nurse, but we wish her luck in her new venture as Administrative Supervisor at the General.

We are glad to welcome Miss Gladys M. Surrette as Head Nurse on Baker 9 and Miss Dorothy Morton as assistant.

Miss Bette Carvelli has left Baker 6 to become a missionary sister. We wish her Godspeed in her work.

Miss Rita Crowley, Baker O.R. nurse will marry Mr. William A. White.

Sympathy is extended to Bertha Smith of Baker O.R. on the loss of her mother.

We are glad to welcome Mary Joyce, a former Baker Ward Helper, as an R.N. on Baker 9.

Anna Marie Parinello, Ward Helper on Baker 3, was married September 2 to Mr. William Mead.

Phyllis Lee of Baker Suction Room is to be married September 9th to John Flaherty.

Miss Ann Coviello, Secretary on Baker 4, was married to Mr. Joseph Paul Ruel on April 29th.

Out-Patient News

A very delightful party was given Mrs. Evelyn Lawlor, due to her resignation, after many years in the Admitting Department of the Out-Patient Department.

As a gesture of affection, the Admitting Department, Head Nurses and lay personnel of the Out-Patient Department, presented her with gifts of sterling silver and money.

Mrs. Lawlor will be truly missed by her co-workers, and particularly by the patients who have come to know her kindness and patience.

Miss Thelma Cogswell, OPD Admitting, has returned after a two-week sojourn at Camp Edwards. Army life has its good points, as Miss Cogswell returned looking "in the pink".

Lt. and Mrs. Frank McCory (Rose Daley) of South Dakota, are receiving congratulations on the birth of a daughter.

Miss Eunice Cooley has resigned to be married September 3 at her home in Pittsfield, Mass. Best wishes from all the Nursing Department.

Housekeeping

Mr. Paul Murphy, Assistant Supervisor of the White Building has completed his course in Housekeeping Ethics at the University of Michigan and was widely welcomed and congratulated by all upon his return.

In passing through the Bulfinch Building to reach the new Research Building you will have to admire the glare and cleanliness of the old original Massachusetts General. As you walk you will be warmly greeted by some of our most competent maids: Mrs. Julia Lowell, Mrs. Valda Avasalu, Mrs. Katherine McLaughlin, and Mrs. Elizabeth Kuchinski who govern the cleanliness of the wards. Mrs. Lillian Lenz will greet you as you enter the corridor. Great commendation has been given Mr. May, the new dapper supervisor, and his assistant Mr. Gaskins.

Nurses

Miss Francis Grady, Bulfinch, and Miss Marie Rearick, supervisors of Neurology and Psychiatry have left to study at Teacher's College at Columbia University.

Mrs. Anna Spahl Hoffman, Nursing Arts Department, had a baby girl in August. Congratulations Mr. & Mrs. Hoffman!

Miss Marian Chace is the new supervisor on White 11 and Baker 7.

Miss Ruth Poules, former Head Nurse on Baker 9 is now a supervisor in Bulfinch.

Don't forget the gala minstrel show on November 6-7 in New England Mutual Hall that is to be given by the Student Nurses!

Accounting

On June 20, Miss Georgianna Monier was reminded of her twenty years of loyal service in the Accounting Department in a very delightful way. Some thirty members of the department gave her a complimentary dinner—a bona fide surprise—at the Old Mill in Arlington. Her sister, Miss Clara Monier was a special guest and an additional surprise.

Captain Harold Emrich, on leave from Texas, visited the M.G.H. last month. He was accompanied by his bride—the former Peggy Williams of Texas. Congratulations to Mr. & Mrs. Emrich!

The engagement has been announced of Zita Cumming, in Payroll, to Guy Mergo from Watertown.

Eye & Ear Infirmary

"With a yo! ho! blow the man down!" the good ship **Blue Water**, a 77 foot Schooner powered by sails and motor, set sail from Boston Harbor on Sunday, August 19, with some 50 salts from the Eye and Ear Infirmary aboard. This all day cruise on a fine sea, featured picnic lunches, old clothes, and fresh sea breezes. The full number on deck totalled 75 including Captain Ben Pine and his crew of 3, members of the Infirmary personnel and a party of wives, husbands and friends, as invited guests. On deck too were members of the Baker Memorial, Phillips House and Out-Patient Department admitting offices. The cruise, like the sailing party of 2 years ago, was held at the invitation of Dr. Charles I. Johnson of the Department of Oto-Laryngology.

The fall season finds new members among the Infirmary personnel. They include Mrs. Ina Shane of the Bookkeeping Department and Miss Joan Haumersen, secretary to Dr. Parker Heath. Miss Haumersen is a native of Racine, Wisconsin and attended Grinnell College in Iowa. . . . Sylvia Jane Watts of the Clerks' Office came to the Infirmary in early summer. Miss Watts' home is in Peabody. . . . A new case worker in the Social Service Department is Miss Jean Dunn of New York. Miss Dunn is a graduate of Barnard College and received her M.S. in Social Work from Simmons.

Miss Elsie Salmi, R.N., resigned from the nursing staff in August to begin a graduate course of study in administrative nursing at Boston University. Miss Salmi, a graduate of the MGH, came to the Infirmary in October of 1946 and in 1947 was appointed ward teaching supervisor.

Lawrence Martin Acting Comptroller

Among new appointments at the M.G.H. is that of Lawrence Martin as Acting Comptroller, following the resignation of E. Russell Greenhood, who left to take a position in the West. Mr. Martin has been Chief Accountant since June of 1949. During this period he has shown a high degree of ability. Mr. Martin has appointed Robert Burns as Chief Accountant. Mr. Burns came to the M.G.H. in 1946. Mr. Martin also anonunces that he has been able to recall Joseph McCue to the M.G.H. ranks, which he left some time ago for a bigger job.

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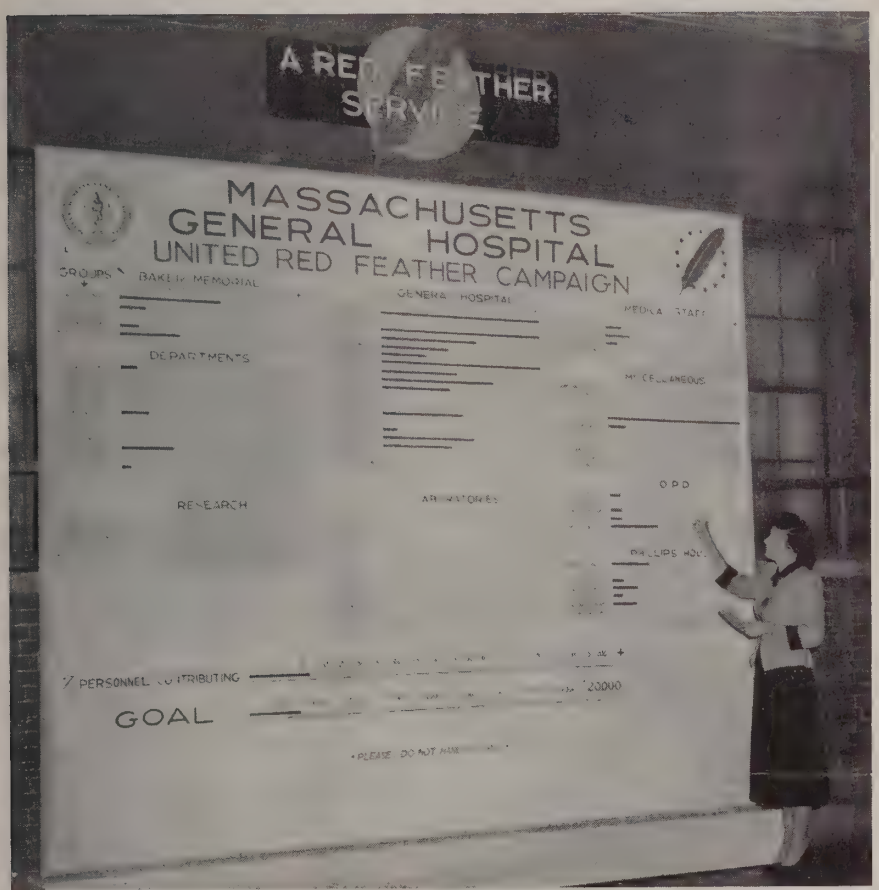

Mrs. Natalie Ann Harlow, secretary in the Community Fund Office, posts the latest contributions on the chart in the brick corridor.

Bowling League Teams Lined Up

The captains of the MGH Bowling League met in the Archives Room on Tuesday, October 9th to choose the final teams for the 1951-52 season. The League has been collecting individual averages for the past five weeks so that even teams could be selected.

At the meeting each captain was given a list of all the active bowlers with their averages. The order of choice was devised on a numerical setup allowing each captain a fair chance at the highest bowlers. As the teams finally lined up, they looked pretty even and it should prove an exciting competition. When the teams were chosen each captain figured out his team average; sure proof that it will be a hard fight. Of the eight teams, two have an average of 80, five hold 79 and one is 78.

This is the final team schedule:

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Dr. Clark Presides at Service Pin Presentation

At four o'clock on Wednesday, October 16th, members of the MGH family met in the Moseley Rotunda for the annual Ether Day celebration and the presentation of Service Pins. Pins are awarded each year at this time to employees who have been at the Massachusetts General Hospital for ten, twenty, thirty, forty, and fifty years.

Dr. Dean Clark opened the ceremony with a general welcome and introduced the speaker, Mr. Phillip Ketchum. Mr. Ketchum has been a member of the Board of Trustees since 1928. He spoke about the tremendous physical expansion of the Massachusetts General Hospital since he has been connected with it. Mr. Ketchum expressed regret that such expansion has made it impossible for the trustees and members of administration to maintain individual contact with all the employees of this great institution. He said he hoped that every individual in the hospital realized the full value and importance of the jobs they were performing. He closed by saying that he welcomed this opportunity to meet with more of the MGH family.

The presentation of the Service Pins was then initiated by Dr. Clark. There were 45 people who earned recognition this year. The following people received their ten year pins: Miss Frances E. Anderson, John Butler, Mrs. Alice J. Dalrymple, Mrs. Ruth Deming, Mrs. Gertrude DeBruyn, Gyula Denes, Oscar Donahedian, Alfred J. Ellis, Mrs. Claudia Hingley, Mrs. Margaret Ingram, Samuel F. Jeffrey, Miss Edna Lepper, Mrs. Lois D. McCoy, Miss Catherine McFeeley,

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RED FEATHER CAMPAIGN 1952

As of October 22, 1951, the people of MGH once again have joined the ranks of those working for and subscribing to the Greater Boston Community Fund.

Your efforts and contributions in last year's campaign put MGH way over the top. This year we shall have a much bigger job to do. Our goal will be higher. The community responsibilities are a never ending task—just as here at MGH our responsibilities go on and on, ever increasing and never becoming less.

All Red Feather agencies, including MGH, need many more dollars to keep up with the greater demand for our services.

We need your help. We are confident that we will have your help once again to meet our assigned goal—and more.

Let's do it the MGH way—serving and giving beyond the full measure.

L. R. LEZER, M.D.
Assistant Director

ETHER DAY

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Miss Helen Nalbandian, Sarkis O. Nordigian, Miss Lillian V. Norwell, Mrs. Sylvia Romano, Miss Mary P. Rota, George Shallcross, Mrs. Leah Smith, Miss Rose V. Smolinsky, Miss Doris H. Sundquist, Miss Helen F. Vigneau, and Miss Helen M. Zingarelli. Those receiving twenty year pins include: Mrs. Mary Abercrombie, Peter Anastos, Peter Berry, Mrs. Helen Bleiler, Miss Muriel Bunker, Miss Helen Coghlan, Miss Frances C. Grady, Miss Ann T. Guardo, Mrs. Miriam Miller, Miss Georgiania Monier, Michael Morris, Jack Osganian, and Mrs. Mary Carr Turner. Miss Catherine Carleton, Frank Eggleston, Mrs. Alice M. Harrington, Miss Nora Lordan, and Custer Walker received their thirty year pins.

Following the pin awards, Dr. Culver presented a birthday cake to Mrs. Lois D. McCoy. The group then joined with Dr. Culver in a few songs after which refreshments were served by the Dietary Department.

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Reardon	Butters
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Kimball	Muello
Antonino	Robak
Oulette	Rosin
(5)	(6)
Jeffrey, captain	**Cervizzi,** captain
Cavallero	Murphy
Gasdia	Prentice
Schindler	White
(7)	(8)
Giggi, captain	**Mendes,** captain
Gray	Powers
Stanley	Inferrera
Gaskins	Donavan

Report From The Safety Committee

The last meeting of the Safety Committee was held on Friday, September 14th. During the session the members discussed safety measures in regard to elevators, limitations of the Workmen's Compensation, and the development of pre-employment health sheets. Mr. Raymond Kinsman and Mr. George Edgerly were invited to sit in on the meeting.

Dr. Lezer reported that steps had been taken to provide compensation for employees losing less than a week of work because of an accident. The Board of Directors have passed on sick leave pay for those not covered under Workmen's Compensation.

A report was also made on the progress of the pre-employment health sheet. The committee had previously decided that it would be well for all new employees to fill out a report on any past accidents or sicknesses. The form has been devised and details of execution are now being worked out.

Nurses

Miss Ruth Sleeper, Director of the School of Nursing and Nursing Service has just returned from a trip to Denmark, Brussels and England.

Misses Gwendoline Campbell and Joyce Campion from the Pediatric wards are on a six week vacation in England, France and Switzerland.

Mr. Russell Bump, Assistant Head Nurse in the Overnight ward has accepted a new position as Night Supervisor in the State Prison in North Carolina.

Miss Sarah Rowley, former assistant Head Nurse on Bulfinch 3, after a summer travelling in Europe, has returned as a Medical Administrative Supervisor.

Mrs. Evelyn Cushing, Miss Lepper's former secretary is the proud mother of a baby boy, Robert Jr. born on September 13th at the Boston-Lying-In Hospital.

Miss Kathleen O'Connor, Assistant Supervisor of Hospital Aides and Ward Helpers has resigned to be married.

Mrs. Barbara Brown, Staff Nurse in the Emergency Ward has joined the night staff as Assistant Night Supervisor to replace Miss Claire Rafferty.

Miss Norma Dunham, Orthopedic Head Nurse, resigned to be married shortly.

Miss Catherine Carleton

A party was given by the Head Nurses at the Phillips House in honor of Miss Catherine Carleton of the Phillips House before she received her thirty-year pin on Ether Day. Miss Carleton graduated from The Massachusetts General Hospital School of Nursing in 1910 and served overseas in Base Hospital 6 in the First World War where she was known as "The Belle of Bordeaux." Following her tour of duty overseas she returned to the M.G.H. where she has served for thirty years as the Head Nurse on the Fifth Floor of the Phillips House. We hope to see her here for many years to come.

Phillips House

Phillips House was well represented on Service Pin Day. There were three persons from the Nursing Staff and three from the Housekeeping Department receiving awards.

On October 3rd, in St. Peter's Church, Dorchester, Miss Mary Cummings, assistant record clerk, was married to Mr. Joseph Mallory.

ETHER DAY HONORS

Dr. Dean Clark awards Michael Morris of General Nursing his thirty year Service Pin.

Dr. Dean A. Clark congratulates Miss Catherine Carleton.

Some of the people who received their twenty year pins after the ceremony. Seated from left to right: Mrs. Mary Carr Turner, Miss Helen Bleiler, Miss Georgiana Monier, Mrs. Mary S. Abercrombie, and Miss Louise D. Storke. Standing from left to right: Jack Osganian, Herbert R. Waite, Peter E. Berry, and Frank Maggiotta.

A group of those who received their thirty year pins. Seated from left to right; Miss Nora Lordan, Miss Catherine Carleton, Mrs. Alice M. Harrington. Standing from left to right; Mr. Michael Morris, Mr. Frank Eggleston and seated in front of Mr. Eggelston, his sister Mrs. Violet Tracy.

ABOUT FOLKS

Dietary Department

James Horner, assistant cook in the White Kitchen, was married on September 9th to Irma Hutto in a home wedding in Baltimore, Maryland.

Marco Guidi, employed in the White Kitchen vegetable room, has returned after a six months visit to his native town in Italy. This town was bombed over 300 times during World War II.

George Ferretti of Baker Kitchen has been a proud father since October 18th. Congratulations, George!

Douglas Peay has been put in charge of the butcher shop here at the hospital. Samuel Locke is his assistant.

The Dietary Department misses three former dietitians—Miss Merme Bonnell, Anne Fowler, and Valarie Dubney. Replacing these travelers are Miss Leila Presson, from University Hospital, Iowa City, on Ward 4, Miss Thelma Rowe who has charge of Nurse's and West Cafeterias, and Miss Ramona Powers who is carrying a part of the Therapeutic responsibility in the Baker Dietary.

Mary McGuinness' fractured wrist has robbed her of the use of one hand and us of her able services and smiling presence for the past several weeks. We will be glad to have her back on duty.

Miss Ruth Williamson, recently graduated Diabetic Intern, sailed for a vacation in Europe. Before leaving, her engagement to Dr. Charles Keuper of our hospital was announced.

Grace Varella, cashier in Nurse's Cafeteria has left us to live in California.

Our department misses the friendly and efficient Mrs. Gertrude Sherman who has been a Diet Aide in Bulfinch.

The department, one and all, extends its deepest sympathy to Anna Cucciero, floor server in Vincent Burnham, at the loss of her son who died overseas recently in the Armed Services.

Housekeeping Department

We regret the resignation of Mr. Wilbur Pinckney, a conscientious, ardent worker who has been with the department a long period. We wish him good luck.

The stork is knocking on the door of Mr. Claude James of the Bulfinch, formerly of the Baker.

We hate to hear of the resignation of Mrs. Joan Cox, the Executive Secretary of this department who has served more than one executive. We will miss her.

Medical Records Department News

We are proud to report that Miss E. Louise Seymour, R.R.L. and Chief of our Medical Records Department, has been elected 1st Vice-president of the American Association of Medical Record Librarians at their annual meeting in St. Louis last September. The MGH has reason to be proud.

Mrs. Helen Dube, secretary in Baker O.R. retires on November 3rd to await her 'blessed event'. Good luck to you Helen.

Miss Mary Paone has replaced Miss Stanley as secretary on White 3A, and Mary is doing as well up there as she has done at the various desks behind which she sat in the Department. Miss Ruth Goldfarb has replaced Miss Paone in the Transcription Room.

Audrey Reefe (Filing Room) became Mrs. Guy A. Jones on May 27, 1951. CONGRATULATIONS.

Anne Castrucci (Filing Room) becomes Mrs. Dominic V. Gandolfo on October 28th.

Joseph T. Sullivan, our night filler, has recently been appointed an assistant marshal to the Order of the Cross and Crown, a Boston College honor society. Joe is a senior at B.C., mastering in languages.

Honor For Miss Hernan

Miss Frances Hernan, Credit Manager MGH, has recently been appointed first Vice-President of the Retail Credit Association of Boston. She also has been named a member of the Board of Directors of the Credit Women of North America, Boston Chapter.

Baker Memorial

The many friends of Miss Anna Aliberti, secretary on Baker 7, extend their heartfelt sympathy to her on the loss of her dear sister Mary.

Miss Helen Gilmore, formerly Head Nurse on Baker 5, is now Head Nurse on Baker 6.

Miss Margaret Kerr has been appointed Head Nurse on Baker 5—Good Luck!

Mrs. Ann Gavin has left Baker Recovery Room to await the arrival of Sir Stork.

Mrs. Doris Weaver welcomed a baby girl on October 5th.

Has anyone noticed how clean the Baker is and how the rooms look with the new white curtains? It is a pleasure now to hear patients remark how clean their rooms are kept.

Eye & Ear Infirmary

The Infirmary's 1952 Red Feather Campaign "kick-off" was held on Thursday morning, October 18 in the cafeteria. A special feature for the occasion was a Red Feather cake with the Campaign's familiar emblem worked out handsomely in red and white frosting.

A large Red Feather Chart announced the Hospital's goal for the drive as $3750.

Mrs. Geneva L. Wayland, Assistant to the Director, reminded the Infirmary personnel of the vital year-round service provided by local Red Feather agencies.

The Infirmary was sorry to lose Mrs. Loretta McCabe who has been a receptionist here at the front desk for four and one-half years. Friends can now greet Mrs. McCabe at the Information Desk of the General. . . . New faces at the Infirmary include Mrs. Anita Snelling of Beverly Farms who recently came to the Infirmary as a receptionist and Miss Judith Ann Potter of Melrose, now a member of the Secretary's Office. Another new member of that office is Mrs. Robert B. Leavelle of North Hollywood, California. Mrs. Leavelle, whose husband is doing post graduate work at Harvard Medical School, previously worked at the Disney Studio, Hollywood.

General Nursing

Through the generosity of Mr. and Mrs. Richard C. Curtis the X-Ray Department on White 2 now has a combination Craftsman Radio-Phonograph technically known as a Radio Audio Comparator. It is an excellent instrument designed by the Radio Shack of Boston. The master set is operated from one of the offices in the X-Ray treatment wing of the second floor. Amplifiers are to be found in the X-Ray Treatment rooms, the waiting rooms and in the rooms of the Tumor Clinic. The master set is inscribed with a bronze plate as follows:

> "Patients and personnel of the Department of Radiology have greatly enjoyed this instrument and are deeply appreciative of the generosity of Mr. and Mrs. Richard C. Curtis."

Mr. James Kilcoyne of the M.G.H. Appliance Room has recently spent his vacation in New York, where he went to meet his wife who had recently enjoyed a voyage to Ireland.

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M.G.H. Credit Union Holds Annual Meeting

From left to right: Mr. Lawrence E. Martin, Treasurer of the M.G.H. Credit Union, and Dr. Ellsworth T. Neumann, President, look on approvingly as Mr. Joseph P. Inferrera signs Miss Loraine Cowles of Personnel into the Credit Union. There are now more than 300 members.

M.G.H. Bowling League

The Bowling League has been progressing smoothly. The competition is keen, the action tense, and the excitement breath-taking. For the past seven weeks the teams have been battling it out and after the first round, the pre-season favorites are leading the league. The Invincibles, captained by Mike Giggi, have functioned smoothly as a unit. Flanked by Gray, Gaskins, and Stanley, Mike has been having an easy time of it. In a close second place is the Tiger team, captained by Bill McManus. With the addition of Johnnie Kivithon, to say nothing of the clutch performances of Jerry Muollo, the Tigers are the team to beat in the second round. Max Rosen has also been doing very well. Good luck to an up and coming team.

As for the rest of the teams in the league, they have been battling themselves around in such a fashion that they trail the two top contenders by four to ten games. With the Strikers, John Mendes has done a fine job. The King Pins would be in a bad way without St. Pierre and Antonino. The Falcons depend heavily on their captain, Ralph Cluff, while the Yankees have been floundering badly with Lou Jeffrey as their leader. The Sad Sacks have picked up new life in the last three weeks.

Members Are Voted a 2 Percent Dividend For the Fiscal Year Of 1951

On Thursday, November 18th, the Massachusetts General Hospital Credit Union held its second annual meeting in the Moseley Rotunda. Dr. Neumann opened the meeting. He welcomed the stockholders present and commented briefly on the history of the Union. The Credit Union was formed two years ago. It now boasts over 300 members and a clear set of books.

The secretary and treasurer read their reports. The members of the Credit Union voted to accept the 2% dividend advised by the Bank Commissioners and voted to re-elect last year's officers. It was also decided to launch a special membership drive this year.

The Credit Union offers an easy way to save money through payroll deductions. It is like a savings bank only you don't have to go to the bank to deposit your money and run the risk of spending it before you get there. When you join, you state the amount that you want to save each week, as large or as small as you wish, and it is automatically deducted from your paycheck. The Credit Union then invests the money and increases its value. Due to such investments, they were able to pay the 2% dividend mentioned above. This means that you not only have a convenient and safe place to save your money, but it is growing.

Besides offering this saving plan, the Credit Union stands ready to grant loans under certain conditions. This service is also afforded at lower than usual rates.

The Credit Union is a bank within the hospital with its own Board of

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Credit Union

The membership lists of the M.G.H. Credit Union are now open for new members. With the report of the second annual meeting and the payment of 2% dividend on savings accounts, the young organization is successfully functioning as a full-fledged bank. The recent inspection by the Massachusetts State Bank Commission resulted in approval of our Credit Union.

Re-election of the same officers was a wise move at this time. Even with the Credit Union procedures governed by law and precedent, there is much for a new group to learn about running a bank. Our Directors and Officers have been learning the banking business. We are glad to have them continue for a longer period before handing responsibility over to new Directors and Officers.

The savings of more than 300 of the Hospital family are accumulating in the M.G.H. Credit Union. Our members are saving the easy way by payroll deduction. They range between one dollar a week to twenty-five dollars on a four weekly basis deducted from the pay checks. As one member said, "What you don't see, you don't miss!"

Congratulations!

To everybody for making the Community Fund drive a success. The final figure of funds collected and pledged is $20,050! This means that 76% of the hospital personnel contributed; a figure we should all be proud of.

CHRISTMAS COMES TO THE M.G.H.

It is unfortunate that Christmas comes but once in every 365 days. However, thanks to a long culmination of tradition, the spirit of that one day is joyously extended into a long and happy season. At the Massachusetts General Hospital we have our own Christmas tradition which we follow each year.

Santa Claus is quite in evidence in the Cardiac Workshop in the O.P.D. basement. If there are such things as Santa Claus stores, I am sure that we have duplicated it here. From the moment you enter the festive green and red doorway you can sense the happy expectation of Christmas all about you. The tables are filled with molds in the process of hardening and of finished products waiting to be painted. It is a place you should all visit sometime during the season.

Miss Ruth Waldron, volunteer from Newtonville, working at the Cardiac display table in the corridor between the Main Lobby and The General Store. Miss Waldron has been offering her services to the Massachusetts General Hospital for the past 12 years.

CREDIT UNION

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Directors and committee members. It operates under the supervision of the Bank Commissioner of Massachusetts. As a saving member, you carry a vote in the annual meeting. The Board of Directors consists of the following people: President, Dr. Ellsworth T. Neumann, Assistant Director; Vice-President, Mr. William H. Stewart Maintenance; Clerk, Mrs. Rose Brooks, Record Room. The Credit Committee is composed of Mrs. Lois D. McCoy, Personnel Director; Mr. Raymond Kinsman, Superintendent of Works; Miss Margery Crothers, Social Service.

Application for membership in the M.G.H. Credit Union can be made with Mr. Inferrera on Baker 2.

The new draperies on the fourth floor of the Baker Memorial have been given by a generous friend.

Refresher Course For Graduate Nurses

On November 26, the Massachusetts General Hospital began a six weeks' refresher course for graduate nurses. Under the able direction of Miss Miriam Huggard, they are attending classes and receiving practice in the newer procedures and discussions of modern methods of nursing and medical care. The course meets on Monday, Wednesday, and Thursday from 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m., with a Christmas vacation from December 20 to January 1st.

It is hoped that the nurses will stay for at least six months in some part of the Massachusetts General Hospital. In the past, a good many nurses who have not practiced for several years have inquired about the possibility of a refresher course at the General. It is hoped that this will help to relieve the nursing shortage that is now being felt. There are 23 nurses enrolled in the course.

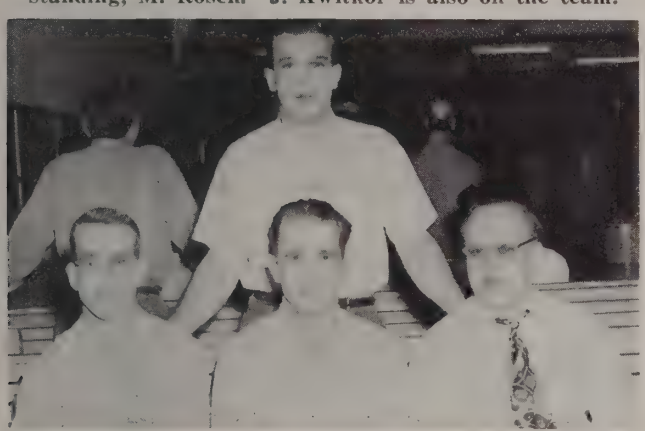
M.G.H. BOWLING LEAGUE

The FALCONS

Seated left to right, D. Carpenter, R. Cluff, and A. Loring. F. Reardan was not present when the picture was taken.

The TIGERS:

Seated left to right; J. Muollo, W. McManus, W. Robax; standing, M. Rosen. J. Kwitkor is also on the team.



The KING PINS

Seated left to right, P. Antonino, A. Kimball, J. Ouelette; standing, J. St. Pierre

The STRIKERS

Seated left to right, J. Inferrera, J. Mendes, J. Powers, and standing, J. Donovan

The INVINCIBLES

Seated left to right, M. Giggi, E. Stanley, F. Gray; standing P. Gaskins

The YANKEES

Seated left to right, H. Schlinder, L. Jeffrey, J. Cavallaro; standing, S. Gasdia

The SAD SACKS

Seated left to right, W. Prentice, J. White, W. Murphy; standing, D. Cervizzi

The SPARKERS

Seated left to right, E. Butters, R. Alfredson, M. McClean; standing, E. Cianciarullo.

ABOUT FOLKS

Eye & Ear Infirmary

At the Infirmary several Christmas parties have been planned and one has already taken place. A mid-holiday party to celebrate both Thanksgiving and Christmas was held on December 12 with members of the dietary, housekeeping, and administrative departments and hospital orderlies and ward aids attending. An entertainment program which included local Infirmary talent was one of the party's features.

In the Infirmary Nursery, Santa Claus is expected on the morning of December 25. Each patient will have a stocking hung on his or her crib to be filled with toys donated by friends of the hospital. For older patients, the Dietary Department has planned a Christmas turkey dinner complete with cranberry sauce and eggnog ice cream. Favors for every tray will be supplied by the Occupational Therapy Department.

A talk on the basic ingredients of poise was given here last month by a representative from the John Powers School, Mrs. Laura S. Cochran. Stressing the necessity of good grooming, Mrs. Cochran went over some of the major do's and don'ts of the well dressed woman and offered hints on figure problems.

Miss Jeanette Loessl, former Howe Librarian, now doing library work in Nuernberg, Germany, writes—

"The hospitals here are so pretty, all decked out for the Advent season. . . . The long, one-week vacation had really too much crammed into it. My cousins were enroute to the Canary Islands and I just had to go along as far as Madrid. . . . The coast of Spain is so beautiful I hope I can return. France and Switzerland were wonderful, too. . . . The last trip was to Berlin which has a unique air about it even though much of it is in shambles and the people are living on an economic island. The Russian sector is a gloomy, signed plastered —it is Stalin's Democracy that will save the world—depressing section of what was once the beautiful Unter den Linden. . . .

Errand Service

Glad to see Mrs. Acree, head of the Errand Service, back from her illness. The Office certainly missed her. Agnes, Dotty, Bernie, Jeff, Tom and Georgia carried on while she was out.

Pharmacy

Mr. and Mrs. Salvatore D. Gasdia of Mystic Avenue, Somerville announced the arrival of their second baby boy. Sal is a graduate of the Massachusetts College of Pharmacy and has been employed in the Pharmacy for the past two years.

Edmond Cianciarullo, a manufacturing pharmacist in the Pharmacy, was inducted into the army and is now stationed at Fort Dix, New Jersey.

Miss Shirley G. Albert, Laboratory pharmacist, announced her engagement and will be married in March, 1952.

Mrs. E. T. Leavenworth is looking forward to the holiday season since she spends it with her two charming daughters, one of whom lives in Ohio. She can hardly wait.

Mr. and Mrs. Barney Petkum announce the arrival of a baby girl. Good luck to the Petkum's, it's their fourth.

PHILLIPS HOUSE

Miss Alice Corroran, Head Nurse on the seventh floor, has returned from a delightful trip to Bermuda. She went over by boat and came back by plane, stopping off at Washington and New York.

Mrs. Barbara Reeves, night nurse on the seventh floor, has resigned. She and her husband, Dr. Reeves, will make their home in Philadelphia after January 1st.

Miss Ann Nuggend, Head Nurse on the second floor, who has been having a leave of absence due to a knee injury last May, has just returned from visiting in Quebec.

Good Tidings

Anna Guardo has done a wonderful job at Met. Lab. Hope she will carry on for many years to come.

Francis J. O'Connell who was working in the Maintenance Dept. was the proud winner of the Irish Sweep Stakes—winning $200,000. Not only such luck but his wife presented him with twins two weeks later. Congratulations!

Mr. Burns of the Accounting Office became the proud father of a baby girl.

Congratulations to Walter Woods for his promotion as Assistant Foreman in the Plumbing Shop.

Clarence Gloder of the Electric Shop became the proud father of a baby girl, 6 lbs., in the Somerville Hospital! Congratulations!

DIETARY

John Anastos of Baker Kitchen is back on duty again. We are glad that he is well and happy to see his friendly smile.

John Butchart, husband of Elizabeth Butchart of White Kitchen, is hospitalized on White 12. Many of us remember John when he worked in White Kitchen and we wish him a speedy recovery.

Clemintina Vandermaelen of West Cafeteria has been ill for many weeks. Let's hope that she will be back soon.

Helen Laghetto is back in Baker to work for a few weeks. Miss Laghetto is a student at Northeastern University and works periodically in our department as a diet aide.

Lydia Maslovskis, formerly in Nurses' Cafeteria, is leaving to be a diet aide. She is assigned to Bulfinch.

Ernest Kahn who left our service to enter the service of Uncle Sam in the U. S. Army is in Korea and he seems not to have forgotten us. He thoughtfully mailed us a Thanksgiving Menu from the Front. Ernie worked as an assistant cook in White Kitchen. We bet that he would have liked to have had Thanksgiving dinner here.

Joe McBride of Baker Kitchen and Catherine McBride of White Dishroom celebrated their thirty-second wedding anniversary recently. Their family and friends arranged a very special surprise party to make it a festive occasion. The most important guests in the minds of Joe and Catherine were, of course, their eight children and seven grandchildren.

General Nursing

The Nursing Auxiliary Service welcomes Mrs. Lawrence Woolaver as a staff worker.

Mrs. Dorothy Martin, former hospital aide on White 11, has returned and is now working on White 8.

Newly appointed male hospital aides are Mr. W. B. Hartwell of Bulfinch 3 and Mr. A. A. McGonagle of White 10.

Miss Dorothy Dyson, formerly of Bulfinch 5, has left to study Physical Education at the University of Virginia.

Mr. Albert Gates of White 6 has made a combination cystometrogram and tidal drainage set which has proved successful in the treatment of newrogenic bladders seen in paraplegics and multiple sclerotics.

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ANNUAL CHRISTMAS PARTY

Climaxes Christmas Season at M. G. H.

SUGAR & SPICE

Admiring the Cookie Carrousel. Left to right, Miss Louise Hatch, Director, Dietary Department and School of Dietetics, Suky Lezer, Louis Giangrande, Chief Baker, and Bob Lezer.

. . . And so many, many goodies from our Bakeshop for the holiday season!

In addition to the regular family fare Louis Giangrande, Chief Baker, and his staff helped to cater to seventy-nine "special parties" — from small ones for eight or ten in the labs to the hospital party for fifteen hundred!

It meant making over 300 dozen cookies, two hundred dozen brownies, one hundred dozen macaroons and one hundred dozen cupcakes. There was a cookie carrousel for the children to enjoy in Vincent Burnham and Otto Skeppen, who regularly makes one hundred two pound loaves of bread for us each night, prepared fifty extra loaves of delicious stollen for our Christmas breakfast.

The hospital was host to everyone on duty for Christmas dinner — the Chefs cooked one thousand pounds of turkey, six bags of potatoes, two hundred and fifty pounds of squash, etc. — then the bakers added fifty gallons of eggnog ice cream and fifty fruit cakes for dessert. It was indeed a Merry Christmas season.

M.G.H. Operetta Company

On Tuesday night, January 8th, the M.G.H. Operetta group had their first meeting of the 1952 season in the Moseley Rotunda at 7:30. About 30 people were present, bringing promise of a better than ever season. This year the group will give Gilbert and Sullivan's "The Gondoliers."

Our hospital family was entertained again at a Christmas party on December 20th when about 1500 of us, our relatives, and friends enjoyed the program of the evening.

The first to arrive were the children crowding in the Moseley Rotunda. They filled the front seats at once to have a good view of Mr. and Mrs. Santa Claus; and, while they waited, Mrs. Ray Kinsman led a gay round of carol singing. Dr. Leonard Laster, master of ceremonies, Dr. Dean A. Clark, and Hugh Shepley, the juggler, were ushered in with a flare of Scottish bagpipes played by Richard Douglas, complete with kilts. Dr. Laster introduced Dr. Clark who welcomed the audience for the hospital.

Next, Hugh Shepley, a most clever and entertaining juggler, held the entranced children and parents while he made plates, balls, Indian clubs and other articles do strange things.

When our Master of Ceremonies called for Kit Carson and Florence McKinnon as Mr. and Mrs. Santa Claus, they appeared with full regalia and three bags of presents. At this point the bagpipe player became a Pied Piper and escorted the children to various points in the room where presents waited.

Starting with Mr. and Mrs. Santa Claus, who had presents for each child, they went to see Ray Kinsman and Gilbert Nessolini who handed out apples and little boxes of candy provided by the Accounting Office. They then went to Jessica Allison, dressed up as a clown, who handed out balloons. By this time each child was loaded with presents. The Piper then led parents and children to the Brick Corridor where there were refreshments to end their wonderful evening.

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Blood Donors Needed

This month, and every other month, 300,000 pints of blood are needed for our armed forces. A great many people who have realized their responsibility to our boys at the front have already contributed their blood. They have saved innumerable lives — but the shooting is not over yet. Some people who have not felt this responsibility will have to do so. Will you help now? Go to the Red Cross Blood Donor Center at 165 Congress Street, Boston, telephone CO 7-6930.

If you cannot go to the Red Cross, you can help to fill the need for blood donors for the Civilian Defense plasma stock pile. To do this, you can give your blood right here at the M.G.H. Blood Bank. Blood from donors who, at some time, have had jaundice is useful for plasma, although it cannot be safely used for Red Cross purposes.

This is your chance to do something for your country!

CHRISTMAS PARTY

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This was only the prelude to the grown-ups' party. The Nurses' cafeteria had been transformed into a huge theatre, holding 600 people, for a series of acts taken from the successful Cotton Ball Minstrels given by the nurses and doctors a few weeks earlier. Dr. J. D. Reeves, Jr., was the Master of Ceremonies. In this role he added to the amusement of an already hilarious program. As each act appeared it proved to be a little gem in itself. The program was highly appreciated by the delighted audience.

Open House at the M.G.H. School of Nursing

The M.G.H. School of Nursing welcomed more than 150 Seniors from over forty high schools in Massachusetts on Friday morning, December 28th. They came from far and near: from Boston, New Bedford, Spencer, Foxboro, South Hadley and many other towns and cities.

These students were invited to visit the School of Nursing with the idea of getting a firsthand view of what a Student Nurse really does in the course of a day at the M.G.H. They visited classes and viewed laboratories, and were given demonstrations of various phases of nursing.

Miss Ruth Sleeper, Director of the School of Nursing and Nursing Service at the M.G.H., welcomed the high school students. They were taken on a tour of the Hospital, which was followed by a short period of relaxation and refreshment in the Walcott House Living Room.

The Vice-President of the Student Council, Miss Joan Cederholm of Waterbury, Connecticut, spoke to the visiting Seniors.

Miss Constance Wocell of Cambridge, New York, a member of the "Broader Horizons" Committee, also said a few words. She described the program sponsored by this committee, which is composed of students and faculty members. The program supplements the scientific education offered by the School of Nursing and includes concerts, lectures, classes in Art, Literature, Sewing, Bridge, as well as Sports. These are but a few of the many activities enjoyed by Student Nurses at the M.G.H.

During the spring vacation another open house at the Massachusetts General Hospital School of Nursing is being planned for High School Sophomores and Juniors who might be interested in Nursing.

Open House at the M.G.H. School of Nursing. Miss Sleeper welcomed over 150 high school Seniors from many parts of Massachusetts on December 28th.

Refreshments were served in East and West Cafeterias and in the "Street Scene." The wide basement corridor had been transformed into a street scene twice as long as the one last year. It was lit by Christmas lights strung along the trees back of the sidewalk tables. This had been done by Mrs. Muriel Miller with the help of the Medical Art department.

Miss Alice Perry and her group of nurses had decorated all the rooms with colored pictures of Christmas candles, stockings, reindeer and wreaths. The hostesses in all these places were members representing different groups of the hospital family who had volunteered an hour or two of their time for the purpose.

Meanwhile, the Moseley Rotunda had been cleared for dancing. The Wilbur Pinckney Orchestra provided dance music until midnight. It was rated one of the most successful dances we have ever had. More than a hundred people helped to make the party a success. Members of all the Ladies' Committees, volunteers, doctors' wives, and hospital family cooperated for the Christmas party.

The employees who were on duty Christmas day wish to extend their appreciation to the hospital for the wonderful dinner.

Eileen Connolly, daughter of Chef Connolly of White Kitchen and Rose Ann Martinez, daughter of Chef Martinez of Baker Kitchen, at the Children's Party.

A Bouquet for the M.G.H.

The following excerpt from a patient's letter to Dr. Clark speaks for itself: "I have nothing but praise for the M.G.H. If there are any imperfections, I would not be able to detect them. What is abundantly clear to me is that you have saved my life, and I am grateful to almost a reverential degree. The kindness which characterized my treatment here was such that I shall never forget it. This goes for the doctors, the supervisors, the nurses, the orderlies, the chaplains, the aides, and all personnel of the hospital.

I love its kindness, its thoroughness, its cleanliness, and above all the pervading spirit of 'Do unto others as you would have them do unto you.'

My sincere, deep and abiding thanks. God bless you and may He further your good work."

Nursing Auxiliary Service

A birthday party was given in honor of Dottie ("Miss Randolph") Gabriel on her twenty-second birthday. A good time was had by all. Little Mary arrived with a birthday cake with twenty-three candles (one for Good Luck). Mrs. Acree and all Dottie's friends enjoyed the party.

At the Christmas dance the Nursing Auxiliary Service personnel enjoyed themselves very well. Present were Mrs. Acree, Jeff, Bernie, and Georgia.

At a certain table in the Sidewalk Cafe sat Miss DiMattea, Miss Sullivan of Bulfinch 4, George Parker of Baker X-Ray, George Shields and his guest, Agnes, Bill, Dot, Dickie, Julia, and our gracious Agnes.

Dietary Tidbits

There are three new and lovely diamonds sparkling in Dietary lately. Miss Arleen Snell and Poppy Gomatos, Staff Dietitians in Baker, and Miss Janice Kirk, Dietetic Interns, all became engaged during the holidays.

There will be four Dietetic Interns graduating in February; Miss Marjorie Davis who will join the Staff of M.G.H. and Miss Elaine Gaddis will join our staff also, Miss Nancy Kitchum who will leave for California after graduation and Miss Nancy Pratt who will become a member of the Smith College Dietary Department.

Everybody is wishing a speedy recovery for Frank Matson of Baker Kitchen who has been quite ill and Miss Linda Grant, Nurses' Cafeteria Cashier, who has been ill for the past several weeks.

John Harris of White Kitchen and the Cafeterias has recovered from a brief bout with the well known measles and is back doing his job in his customary quiet and efficient way.

Miss Mary Hogan, Diet Aide in Bulfinch, has been ill, but, happily, is well again and back on the job.

John Downey, West Dish Room, broke his leg, which, of course, means many weeks away from his job. We are sorry about his injury and will be glad when he is able to return.

We have two new Diet Aides who are really old friends, Mrs. Hazel MacFarlane in Bulfinch and Miss Josephine Collins in Baker.

Mrs. Hazel Shargabian has left the Food Store for more domestic responsibilities.

Lotti Forni and Anne Powers of White Salad Room added a little extra to their Christmas holidays by, in Lotti's case, a trip to Syracuse, and, in Anne's case to New Hampshire.

George Taggart of White Kitchen truckroom has a very fine little son George Jr. Baby George is nearly three months old now.

Mr. and Mrs. Santa Claus with two happy tots complete with presents.

Baker Memorial

Mrs. Ann Gavin, recovery room nurse, gave birth to a baby girl on December 2nd.

Miss Alice Timowicz L.A. of Baker 9 left for California and was married there to Mr. Joseph Surrette on December 16th.

Mrs. Frances Hennessey of Baker 9 wishes to thank everyone for being so kind to her during her recent illness, especially the Baker aides and all on Baker 9.

Mrs. Ruell, formerly Ann Coviello, secretary on Baker 4, has a leave of absence to be with her husband.

Patricia Mallory, head nurse on Baker 10, is very proudly wearing an engagement ring which she received Christmas from Mr. Robert L. Kenneff.

Mrs. Paul Duby, secretary on Baker O.R., gave birth to a baby boy.

Mrs. Frances Hennessey's co-workers on Baker 9 and all her other friends are very happy that she is back at work and feeling her good old self again.

Miss Florence Sojka, formerly head nurse on Baker 4, is now an admitting nurse at Baker Admitting Office.

Miss Mary Gardner, former head nurse on Baker 6, is now Instructor of the Student Attendant Nurses.

Mrs. Spooner, former Assistant Head Nurse on Baker 4, is now Head Nurse on Baker 4.

Mrs. Ruby Johnson gave birth to a baby girl on December 9th. The baby's name is Susan Kay.

Pharmacy

The pharmacy welcomed into its family recently two very charming women, Mrs. Dola Porter of Wakefield and Mrs. Christine Lane of Winthrop.

The pharmacy Christmas party was highly successful and a good time was had by all. Even Santa Claus visited them.

Mr. John Cahill, former pharmacy employee, is ill with pneumonia in the Bulfinch Building.

The pharmacy with its new look certainly sparkles nowadays.

SHOTS FROM THE M. G. H. CHRISTMAS PARTY

Talking it over with Santa.

Hugh Shepley with his juggling act which charmed his audience.

Entertainment from the Cotton Ball Minstrels.

First experience with Santa.

The gay dance with Wilbur Pinckney's orchestra.

Raymond Kinsman and Gilbert Nessolini as aides to Santa.

Serving Refreshments in East Cafeteria.

In the Paris Street Scene where hospitality was dispensed.

Principals and part of the cast of the Cotton Ball Minstrels presented November 6th and 7th in New England Mutual Hall. Left to right—front—are Dr. Avrun Organick, Dr. John Reeves and Dr. Ranson Arthur. Centre, left to right. Betty White, Marion O'Brien, Dr. Walter Haynes, Ann Arapoff and Betty Buckley. Rear are Dr. Richard Spencer and Dr. Cliff Haynes.

M.G.H. Bowling League

As the bowling season moves along toward the halfway mark, we find the pre-season favorites well out in front and unless the rest of the teams in the league can do something about it, the Invincibles will walk away with the league championship.

Several surprising developments have occurred since our last edition. Joseph St. Pierre, captain of the King Pins, has assumed the leadership for the high single and high three string. The Invincibles are holding the record for high single team, while the Yankees recently broke the high team three string total. Also, there are two new members of the league. Jackie Fraser of the Dietary Department has joined the King Pins and has done very well. On the Yankees team, George McKinnon from the Plumbing Department was added to complete the team total. George, a real dark-horse, has led the Yankees in a recent surge. The defending champions certainly have looked fine in recent outings. Another surprising development is the tremendous surge of the Sad Sacks. With Don Cervizzi as their leader they have moved into a second place tie.

We wish to welcome back Mal McLean who was recently ill. Mal, captain of the Sparkers, has done a fine job this season in leading his team. The Sparkers are one of the highest scoring teams in the league.

Also, we may lose another one of our bowling members to Uncle Sam, Eddie Cianciaullo being previously called in November. Bill McManus, captain of the Tigers, is due to report in February. We wish him the best of luck.

That's all for now folks, see you next month!

		RECORDS
High single	132	St. Pierre, J.—K.P.
High strings (3)	330	St. Pierre, J.—K.P.
High team single	402	Invincibles
High team total	1109	Yankees

OFFICIAL SCORER
E. J. Morin

Team	Won	Lost	Pin Fall
Invincibles	29	15	11436
King Pins	24	20	11179
Sad Sacks	24	20	11078
Tigers	22	22	11122
Sparkers	21	23	11227
Yankees	21	23	10995
Falcons	18	26	10916
Strikers	17	27	10991

George Hamilton Picks Woman M.D. as "Best Parker"

Dr. Helen S. Pittman, of Memorial Drive, Cambridge, and a member of the staff of the Massachusetts General Hospital has been picked as his "best parker of the year" by George Hamilton, boss of the doctors' parking lot at the hospital. Dr. Pittman was selected out of the more than 200 persons who use the lot daily.

Hamilton, who has managed the lot for the past 20 years, started the practice of awarding prizes 10 years ago after a study of the parking situation at the lot. He says his campaign has really worked.

Generosity of Trustees

The hospitality of the M.G.H. during the Christmas season—the Christmas party and the Christmas dinners — was made possible through the generosity of one of the M.G.H. trustees, who prefers not to be named. He was pleased by our report that we all had such a good time. No M.G.H. funds were used for this purpose.

Patronize the Nursing School Flower Shop.

ABOUT FOLKS

Si Gagne and family enjoy the Christmas Party.

Phillips House

Since Christmas a rash of diamonds has broken out on the Fifth Floor. Miss Mary Margaret Murphy is wearing a large engagement ring and Miss Doris Maney is also receiving congratulations.

Miss Carleton recently spent a pleasant week end in New York.

Mrs. Crockett also visited the Big City during the holiday season.

Miss Edna and Miss Katherine Logan returned to Canada for the holidays.

Miss Theresa Woefel, staff-nurse on the Seventh Floor, is vacationing in Florida during January and February.

Miss Helen Pitman was among the travelers—New York-bound for the holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Halligan and family at the Christmas Party.

Housekeeping

A card of speedy recovery was sent unanimously by the Housekeeping General group to Peter Adonian and Edward Hulen who are confined in the Massachusetts General Hospital, Luther Weekes of the Baker who is confined at his home with back injuries, and Mrs. Nora Egan of the Vincent. We hope the cards will hasten their recovery.

Robert Norton, the man who smiles, has recovered from his illness and has resumed his smile on the waste and encumbrances of the buildings in the General Hospital.

Mr. William Foster and Mrs. Viola Gladden who honorably resigned from the White Housekeeping Department have undertaken jobs in the Civil Service.

Miss Erna Gunters resigned from the Department to go to Comptometer School.

Ivan Trishkin and his sister and brother-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Vladmir Cumacenko, entertained friends who arrived from Europe to celebrate Christmas. A group of them congregated at the social. Mr. Agar Kviaekousky and his mother-in-law will remain for a while. He and some of his friends are contemplating joining the housekeeping staff.

Mr. Mapleson, supervisor of the Vincent Building, has recently taken over the discharge units from the Nursing Department. After completing a unit, his competent maid, Mrs. Catherine Marchant and he shake hands and say, "I'm glad that's over."

Mr. Eudorim Golembrasky, the noted pianist, who is only one of the celebrities the Bulfinch Building has, often entertains during lunch hour. What a treat!

Mrs. Roberta D. Polleys, the supervisor of supplies, wears a smile that never wears.

Mr. John Norton, elevator operator in the Baker, is now doing active duty in the Armed Forces in Korea and oftens sends regards to his colleagues.

General Nursing

Mrs. Mary E. Wolcott is receiving congratulations upon the birth of her sixth grandson, Waynne Harwood Wolcott, on January first, at the Otis Base Hospital, Bourne, Mass.

We are pleased to announce the coming marriage of Miss Frances R. Lopes to Pfc John M. Lopes, Jr., which will take place in St. Anthony's Church, East Falmouth, Mass., on Saturday, January 19, 1952, at 10 A.M.

The Overnight Ward welcomes back Miss Margaret Good, Aide, who has recently returned to our midst.

Mr. Stuart Pierce, Hospital Aide in the E.W. has returned from his vacation to Bocca Grande, Florida—looking very healthy and rested.

Waiting for Santa Claus.

Eye & Ear Infirmary

Miss Eileen Gilmartin, Instructor of student nurses, has left the Infirmary and accepted a position as Clinic Nurse at the Suffolk County Jail. Miss Gilmartin, a graduate of the Massachuetts General Hospital, came to the Eye and Ear in 1929 as Assistant Night Supervisor. Very shortly thereafter, she was made head nurse on the fourth floor, which at that period housed the Infirmary's private and semi-private patients. In 1943, Miss Gilmartin became Instructor and Supervisor of Infirmary student nurses, both affiliates and graduates, and continued in this post until her recent resignation.

A tea in her honor was held at the Nurses' Residence on the afternoon of December 19, attended by members of the Nursing Department and Infirmary friends. Mrs. William Curley and Miss Sally Johnson, Director of Nursing when Miss Gilmartin trained, were special guests. Highlights of the tea were the outline of Miss Gilmartin's nursing career by Miss Johnson and the presentation of a Wedgewood tea service.

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A program on the "Rehabilitation Problems of the Deaf and Hard of Hearing Child" was presented by the Winthrop Foundation on January 9. Guests were some 40 public and private school teachers of children who come to the Infirmary for speech training. The program's aim was to illustrate for the teachers the kind and amount of speech training the hard of hearing child receives and to outline some of the special problems and social adjustments the child with a hearing difficulty must meet.

THE WORLD

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BLOOD TYPING PROGRAM

M. G. H. World Photographic Contest

Beginning with the March issue, the M.G.H. World is sponsoring an amateur photographic contest for M.G.H. employees, members of the nursing school and house officers. Each month entries will be selected by a committee of three to be published in the World. This committee consists of Mrs. Muriel Miller from the Medical Arts Department, Mr. Mark McCann from Photography, and Dr. Charles L. Clay, Assistant Director of the Hospital.

The entries will be judged in two major classes: class one, entries from amateurs who do not do their printing and developing, and class two, those who do develop and print their pictures. During the spring of 1953, three prizes will be awarded in each class: a first prize of $5.00, second of $3.00, and third of $2.00.

As this is strictly an M.G.H. World contest, no photos which have won prizes in other contests will be accepted. All entries should be submitted to the Personnel Office by the first week of each month. On the back of each entry the contestant is asked to designate his name, department, home address, and the class in which he is entering. No contestant should enter more than three pictures in the entire contest.

All entries to date will be displayed in the Brick Corridor this May.

Visiting Hours Liberalized at M. G. H.

On January 21 the M.G.H. extended its visiting hours and relaxed long standing restrictions on visitors. This was done with the view to making "the patient feel more at home."

Adult patients in wards and semi-private rooms now receive visitors at any time between the hours of 1:00 P.M. and 8:00 P.M.

The limit on the number of visitors was also removed except in the Obstetrical Department where state regulations prescribe a limit of two. However, it is hoped that visitors will be guided by the suggestions of our Hospital authorities and coöperate with the Doctors and Nurses in making sure that the patient does not become tired and confused by too many visitors who stay too long.

M. G. H. Bank Typing Blood For All Hospital Family

Have you had your blood typed? If not, go to the Blood Bank on Friday from 9-11 A.M. They have been in the process of typing all of the M.G.H. family. About 2,000 have already been completed and the Bank is anxious to finish the job on all present employees.

Both the Hospital and the individual reap benefits from this typing program. It provides the Hospital with a large group of accessible donors in cases of emergency. It is quite possible that a life could be saved in the time it would take to hunt up a person with the proper blood type. In the same way, any individual who carries a card giving his blood type is able to receive on the spot transfusions when necessary in addition to being of immediate aid to others. A hard lesson was learned in the last war when many lives were lost because of lack of available blood. Precautions such as this mass typing can well stave off such a tragedy.

Careful and accurate blood typing is a prerequisite to successful transfusions. There are four major blood groups: O, A, B, and AB and each of these contains a negative or positive RH factor. It is important for transfusions to be given within the same main blood group and the same RH type. A severe reaction can take place in the case of an improper mixture. Blood belonging to the four major groups contain certain antibodies; for instance, type A contains anti B; type B, anti A; type O, anti A and B; and AB contains none. Therefore, if you inject B blood into a type A patient, the anti B in the patient's blood will break down the B blood of the donor.

Accuracy is the word in this kind of work. Under the old method for mass typing, blood was put in tubes.

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Four Dietary Interns completed their year's postgraduate course at the M.G.H. on February 1st, 1952. Left to right: Nancy M. Pratt of Cambridge, B.S. University of Chicago; Elaine M. Gaddis of Austin, Minnesota, B.S. Iowa State College, Ames, Iowa; Nancy L. Ketchum of Linton, North Dakota, B.S. University of North Dakota, Grand Forks, N.D.; Marjorie R. Davis of Belmont, B.S. Miami University, Oxford, Ohio.

Have You Had Your Blood Typed

The Blood Bank has made arrangements for all of the personnel of the hospital to have their blood typed. This is very vital information for you to have from the standpoint of civil defense. That you already know.

Equally important is the fact that every person should carry with him a record of his blood type. Every day emergency blood transfusions are given for unexpected illness and injury.

Having a reliable record of your blood type on your person may save your life—or the life of another in an emergency situation that can happen anytime—anywhere.

If you have not taken a few minutes to do so, go to the blood bank and obtain this information about your blood type.

Dietary Interns Graduated February 1st

On February 1st four Dietary Interns completed their year's postgraduate course at the M.G.H. and upon completion of this course became members of the American Dietetic Association.

At the present time there are twenty Dietary Interns from all parts of the United States and Canada at the M.G.H., all of whom are college graduates.

The School of Dietetics, established in 1910 at the Massachusetts General Hospital, has more than 500 alumnae, many of whom have responsible posts in such widely separated places as Oklahoma and Japan, Ontario and Tennessee.

Under the supervision of the Dietary Department over two million meals are prepared and served in one year at the Massachusetts General Hospital, and 69 per cent of the patients' meals are special diets.

Dr. Rasmussen taking a blood sample from Miss Emily Jackson.

BLOOD TYPING

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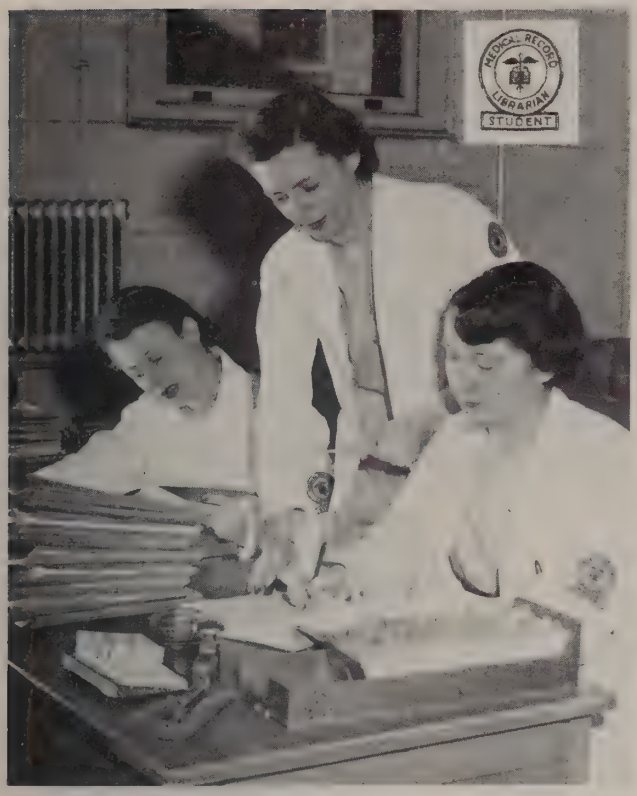
labeled and then typed after the people left. This left the chance for a good deal of clerical errors, plus taking a long time. The Blood Bank is now using a slide system which has been tested and proven efficient and accurate.

In this method, 10 people can be typed at once and leave the Bank with their blood type in the space of about 10 minutes. The slide has three vertical divisions: A, B, and the RH factor and 10 horizontal ones allowing for 10 people at one time. Each person is given a number as he enters the Bank, and, as soon as 10 people arrive, the process begins. The doctor puts a drop of antibody serum on each section of the slide, the people are called by number to go to the technician to have their finger pricked and then to the doctor who puts three blood samples on the vertical sections of the slide. When the slide is filled, it is placed over the light and the type is read by noting the clumping of cells. For instance, if number 1 has a clumping of cells in A and in D, but none in B, then she has A positive.

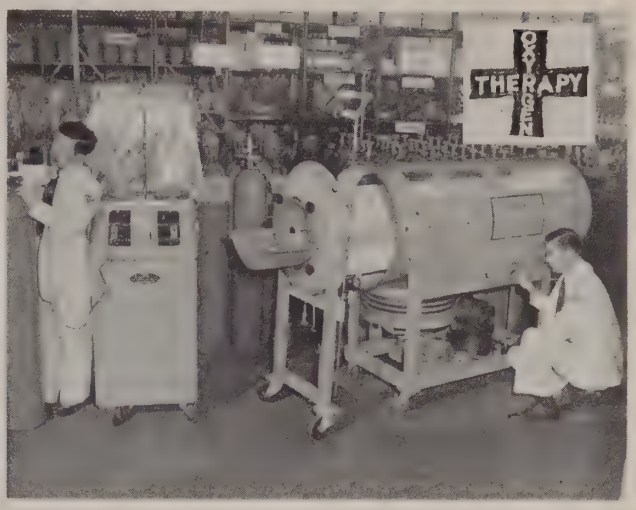
With the use of this system, about 50 people can be typed in an hour with greater accuracy than under the old method. Members of the Blood Bank and several volunteers have been giving a good deal of time to this work. They are performing a valuable service to us and our cooperation should be forthcoming.

ARM BANDS AT THE M.G.H.



Miss Louise E. Seymour, head of the Record Room, is shown in the middle instructing, from left to right, Miss Constance Spurway from Australia and Miss Carmel White from Canada, two Medical Record Students. The school for Medical Record Librarians teaches the fundamentals of medical records, medical records science, medical records management and medical records field work. Last year 11 students were enrolled in the school.

Miss Marian Sedgwick, a recent graduate from the M.G.H. Dietetic course, is shown in the kitchen with Chef Anthony Martinez and Alfred Averett. Staff Dieticians who have graduated from the Massachusetts General Hospital course and Dietetic Interns in training are entitled to wear the M.G.H. Dietary insignia. Staff Dietitians who have graduated from other courses wear the insignia of the hospital from which they received their diplomas. The blue triangle is given to each intern when she begins her postgraduate course. A year later the student bar is removed and she is given her Massachusetts General Hospital diploma qualifying her for membership in the American Dietetic Association. She then accepts a staff appointment and wherever she goes—in this country or abroad—she is identified as an M.G.H. Dietitian.



Members of the Inhalation Therapy Department are shown below checking some of their equipment. Shown from left to right Angelo Guarino and Edmund Banks. Two employees having their blood typed at the Blood Bank.

Pictured above are two Medical Art Students: from left to right, Elliot Herman and Bob Demarest. The School of Medical Illustration now includes 12 studenets. They are instructed by a staff of three including Mrs. Muriel McLatchie Miller, Mrs. Edith Tagrin and Mrs. Janice Reed Desley.

ABOUT FOLKS

Baker Memorial

Miss Priscilla Travis and Miss Mary Joyce, Baker 9 Nurses, spent a delightful weekend skiing at Jackson, New Hampshire. When duty called, however, the skiis went "skiing" without them—the spirit of Florence Nightingale was strong—they spent the entire afternoon in the hospital at Jackson, N. H. administering "first aid" to an injured skier.

Best wishes to Miss Helen Gilmore, Head Nurse on Baker 6, on her recent engagement.

Good luck and best wishes to Miss Florence Thomas, Baker 9 Staff Nurse, who has accepted a Commission in the U.S.A.F. She is to report to Bolling Air Force Base in Washington, D. C., on the first of March.

Miss Ann Zaniewski announced her engagement to Bob Gloves on Baker 5. Good wishes to both.

Aida Lawrence, Nurse in Baker, spent a week skiing in Jackson, N. H. She is a great advocate of this sport.

Mrs. Betty Nason, secretary in the Baker Nursing Office, is vacationing at Daytona Beach, Florida.

Mrs. Collins, Baker 6 Aide, wishes to thank everybody who was so kind to her during her illness; especially those who donated the blood.

Mrs. Mattie Simpson deserves special mention for generously donating blood to employees who need it.

Miss Marion Bates is now Instructor of Student Attendant Nurses.

We are very glad that Miss Dottie Ozelis was not seriously hurt in the accident on Charles Street.

All on Baker 9 are glad that Barbara Bragan has fully recovered from her illness.

Mrs. Dorothy O'Hara and her husband just bought a house in Bedford, Mass. and are planning to move in Feb. 15th. Good luck to both of them.

Welcome to the Massachusetts General Hospital, Nurse Barbara George from Mary Hickcock Memorial Hospital, Hanover, N. H. and Nurse Carol Rugland from St. Barnabas Hospital, Minneapolis, Minnesota. Hope you will enjoy your stay here.

Happy Birthday Head Nurse Miss Pharlan from all the Staff on B7. Also, happy Anniversary—one year of happy marriage.

Mr. Norman Kenney, night cleaner in General Housekeeping, has earned $2.00 for his suggestion to help in cleaning the floors in the various units. He has devised a long-handed device with a scraper on the end to take gum off the floors.

Dietary Tidbits

Another diamond flashing around Dietary! Miss Lois Crawford, Dietetic Intern, is now engaged. St. Valentine's Day, celebrated recently, was just made for a young lady with a brand new diamond on the third finger of her left hand.

We were happy to welcome back Miss Linda Grant, Cashier in Nurses' Cafeteria. She has been ill for many weeks.

Miss Marjorie Stover, Cashier in Nurses' and West Cafeteria, is living in Colorado now. Her breezy and friendly letters show plainly that she likes life out there very much.

Kit Carson, Cook in White Kitchen, spent his winter vacation in Hollywood, Florida. Not a bad place to be when February temperatures are close to zero in Boston.

Jessica Allison of Nurses' Cafeteria, who so gaily and efficiently distributed balloons at our Christmas Party, has a new son-in-law. Her daughter was married at St. Joseph's Church on Chambers Street during the latter part of January. Besides her children, Jessica has four grandchildren.

Do you know that the Dietary Department has not only a most sanitary and efficient Dishroom organization, but that it has a dishwashing machine that rings a bell when it does not have sufficient soap to do its job properly. Too bad that we all are not that anxious to do our jobs properly.

Miss Poppy Gomatos is now at the Eye & Ear Infirmary.

EYE & EAR INFIRMARY

The second in a series of talks to acquaint lay personnel with the medical work carried on at the Infirmary was held on January 29. Dr. Marvin Posner spoke to members of the Administrative Offices on the eye conditions most frequently treated at the Hospital. In layman's language, Dr. Posner discussed the work done by the Rentina Service, the role of orthoptics in the correction of squint, and the nature and treatment of glaucoma. Listeners were enthusiastic about this informal session, and it is hoped that more discussions of this nature can be arranged in the future.

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Mrs. Aldona Svelnis—"Miss Kay"—left the Social Service Department. Mrs. Svelnis, whose home is in South Boston had been a secretary in the department for five years.

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Working at the Infirmary while their husbands attend Harvard Medical School, are two young women from below the Mason Dixon line. Mrs. Martha Boshell a native of Birmingham, Alabama is working in the Dietary Department. Mrs. Boshell, who is a graduate of Birmingham Southern College, taught a first grade class in Birmingham before coming to Boston. Mrs. Peggy Stamey hails from Rutherfordton, North Carolina. A graduate of Salem College of Winston-Salem, Mrs. Stamey is now working in the Social Service Department as the Glaucoma Case Aid.

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The Social Service and Dietary Departments met together on February 7 for a joint group conference. Its aim was to acquaint both Departments with the role each plays in the Infirmary and to explain the individual work carried on by Department members. The working mechanics of each service were talked over and methods and opportunities for closer cooperation between the Departments in treating patients were examined.

Miss Dorothy Needham is taking night courses at Boston College.

Welcome Mrs. E. Kilduff who is now on days after working night duty for 2½ years.

Dick Rogers is one of the main characters in the Gondoliers, the coming Operetta.

Miss Connie Lavan has just celebrated her first year of working at the M.G.H.

OUT-PATIENT DEPARTMENT — THEN AND NOW

The above photograph was taken of the Optical Department, roughly, some thirty-five years ago.

It is interesting to note that the man fitting glasses to a small child then, is one and the same in our most recent picture, Mr. Albert Maver.

Mr. Maver first came to our Optical Department in 1915 and has to date enjoyed a fine record of courtesy, cooperativeness and kindness to its patients and to his co-workers and associates.

The Optical Department moved about twenty-five years ago from the basement of the Eye & Ear Infirmary to its present site. The physical set-up was little changed until 1948 when "face-lifting" procedures were carried out at that time.

To carry a work-load of 75 to 100 patients daily, Mr. Maver has three able assistants in Misters Vincent Farley, James Weatherhead and Robert McLaughlin.

Medical Records News

Miss Enid Squire (Correspondence Section) is a patient at Baker. The Department misses her and hopes she will soon be well.

Alice Bernazani resigns February 15th to become Mrs. Augustin Hollohan on February 23, 1952. Mr. and Mrs. Hollohan will make their home in Springfield.

Miss Lillian Ciavattone has replaced Elizabeth Bryant in the Correspondence Section. We are happy to have her with us.

Miss Mary Badger (Doctors' Reading Room) has been welcomed back to our Department after a long illness. It sure is good to have Mary back again.

Miss Mary Paone (W3A) has taken over the transcription work of all surgical notes. Her assistant is Barbara Comperchio formerly located at Baker O.R.

Another OPD party was given Mrs. Mahoney by the Head Nurses upon her resignation from the Gyn Clinic. Her gift was a handsome leather billfold.

Anne Lord, secretary in the Gyn Clinic, resigns this month. Things just won't seem the same around that part of the Surgical Clinic. Miss Lord's wedding is to take place some time in April—best wishes to you gal!

Mrs. Matthie is convalescing after her sojourn as a patient in the Phillips House. We hope to see her back in white soon—uniform, that is.

"Reggie", who represents "law and order" for the OPD, has recently been discharged from EW. We hope to see him back on duty soon.

General Nursing

A Birthday Party was given for little Mary at General X-ray on her twenty-fourth birthday. A birthday cake with twenty-four candles was in order. A vaudeville act and entertainment was of the highest quality —thanks to Warren Martin of White Five B and George Parker of Baker X-ray. A gay time was had by all— thanks to H. Wittemore and our host Arthur Ouelette.

Miss Lloyd has been flashing around a beautiful wrist watch given her by a friend. Soon we will find the ins and outs. All right Bernie, give.

From left to right: Mrs. Katherine B. Alajajian, her mother Mrs. Green, Mrs. Lucia Livingston, Supervisor of Clinic Clerks and Volunteers, Miss Margaret Meenan, Director of O.P.D., and Mrs. Hilda Warren, Assistant Supervisor of Clinic Clerks and Volunteers.

Mrs. "A" (Alajajian) secretary in the G.U. Clinic for the past eleven years resigned in January. Just about everybody came to the party in her honor to say "goodbye" and to wish her well. Mrs. "A" was presented with a corsage of camellias and a lovely string of pearls—both seemed to match her kind of person—always kind, cooperative, friendly and helpful to all her associates and patients of the OPD.

The high light of Mrs. "A's" party was that her predecessor, Mrs. Green, was present—secretary in the same clinic for twenty-five years—and is Mrs. "A's" mother.

The Second Refresher Course for Registered Graduate Nurses Began on February 4th at the M. G. H.

Once again the M.G.H. offered without tuition a refresher course for registered graduate nurses. Because of the enthusiastic demand, the second group started their training on February 4th under the supervision of Mrs. Constance Braman and Miss Miriam Huggard in the Phillips House.

The first class, which has just completed the course, was composed of 21 nurses representing graduates from 20 different hospitals.

In commenting on the refresher course, while talking with Mrs. Braman, Mrs. Egan of Quincy remarked, "I was primarily impressed by the need for such a course as a morale builder." Mrs. Egan graduated from the Peter Bent Brigham Hospital in 1931 and has three sons. "Doing some intensive study and nursing under supervision gave me self-confidence that had all but evaporated. The idea that Ma can be trusted with the care of sick people professionally is quite different from just Mother taking care or her sick family."

Mrs. Evelyn Martin of Mattapan, a graduate of St. Luke's Hospital, New Bedford, who had been out of nursing for twenty years, said, "All these new treatments, medications, "tubes down the patients," the antibiotics, and sulfas and hormones, all have come since we got out of school. We gave direct transfusions then, one person to another, but nothing like the amount of blood given now as a booster. A lot of blood grouping is new too. There was no blood bank or bone bank or eye bank then." She added with a smile, looking down at her bare arms, "You could not wear short sleeves then, or rings. Nobody married was allowed to nurse in a hospital anyway."

Other nurses who had completed the refresher course commented on the fact that they liked the friendly atmosphere at the M.G.H., the informal and stimulating teaching of the doctors and nurses, which included many round table discussions, with ample opportunity to ask questions and exchange ideas. They also felt a part of the M.G.H family for they were included in social activities as well.

Many of the members of the first refresher course have remained at the hospital on either a part time or a full time basis in the Phillips House, the Baker or the General.

BEDSIDE LECTURES ARE PART OF REFRESHER COURSE
Left to right: Miss Miriam Huggard, the Instructor; Miss Marjorie Taylor, "the patient"; Mrs. Ann Rilee from Wellesley, Johns Hopkins Hospital graduate; Mrs. Evelyn Martin from Hyde Park, graduate of St. Luke's Hospital New Bedford; Mrs. Avis Keating, Jamaica Plain, Worcester Memorial Hospital graduate; Mrs. Yetta Miller, from Salem, Beth Israel Hospital graduate.

Bouquets for the M. G. H.

The following excerpts from patients' letters to Dr. Clark speak for themselves:

"I liked the 'personal touch' that seemed to begin the minute I stepped into the Hospital. The receptionist at the main desk, the charming floor secretary who ushered me to my room, and the smiling young man who carried my bag, gave me a feeling of being at home among friends."

"To all: I want to thank everybody. I shall never stop praising your hospital. I shall add my name to the thousands of other patients who have been treated here. It truly is the best hospital and of course the credit is due to the wonderful doctors, supervisors and nurses, also the aides who have helped me so much. God love you all."

"During my stay at the Baker Memorial of the Massachusetts General Hospital I have found the coöperation between the doctors and nurses truly remarkable. A spotlessly clean hospital, trying to do everything possible for the patients and serving very good food for recovery."

Brevity

It is frequently said that life is becoming more complicated — "Lincoln's Gettysburg Address totaled 266 words; the Ten Commandments contained 297, and the Declaration of Independence ran exactly 300 words in length. But the OPS order to reduce the price of cabbage added up to 26,911 words."

Journal of Commerce

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EVERYBODY'S BUSINESS

On January 29, 1952, at 7:00 P.M., the Masachusetts General Hospital Plumbers beat the highly over-rated "BULB TWISTERS" at bowling. The SCORE speaks for itself. The "Plumbers" are indeed proud of their accomplishment and hope to meet a Superior in the near future.

Actions speak louder than words.

We hope that the "BULB TWISTERS" do not feel too badly about the results of the game. We feel sure that with a little more good coaching and a LOT more practice they will improve some.

A good time was had by all. Sorry "MIKE" that the results were not quite the same as predicted by you.

—The Mighty Plumbers

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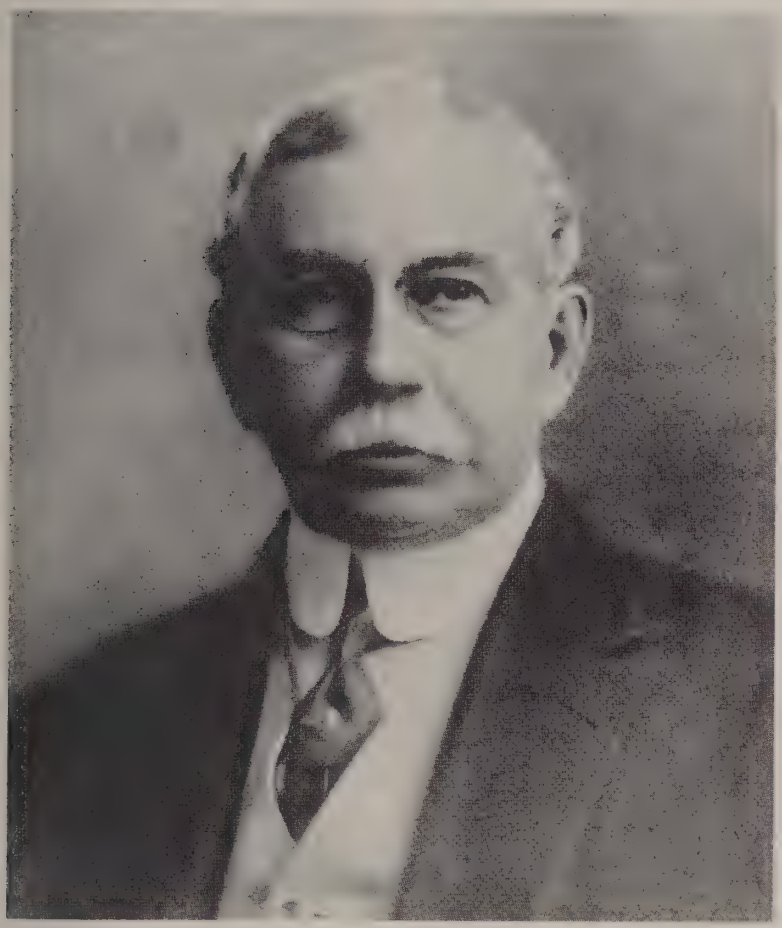
New & Old Gifts to the M. G. H. Announced



Mr. George Robert White, former president of the Potter Drug and Chemical Company and philanthropist.

MISS RUTH SLEEPER GOES TO GENEVA

Miss Ruth Sleeper, Director of the School of Nursing and Nursing Service, left Boston on March 19 to attend a meeting of the World Health Organization in Geneva. She has gone to Europe several times in the past both n hospital business and pleasure.

This summer she spent one week at e International Council of Nurses in Brussels where plans were being made for studies of nursing for the World Health Organization. Nurses from all over the world attended the conference, coming from 25 countries in all and from such places as South Africa and Brazil.

During the remainder of the 6 week trip Miss Sleeper visited many hospitals. She spent 10 days in Brussels at the Edith Carvel Hospital and also went through the larger University Hospital. Miss Sleeper visited hospitals in London, Denmark and the Netherlands. In all cases she was impressed with the good care taken of the patients and also with the handi-

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Two Recent Gifts to the Hospital Show Generosity

Of the many benefactors who have given generously to the Massachusetts General Hospital, two have recently been in the news. One was a wealthy manufacturer of soap. The other was a little seamstress in a local store. In 1922, the President of the Potter Drug and Chemical Company, manufacturers of Cuticura products, died and left one fund amounting to $5,500,000 and later another Humanitarian Fund which was to grow to over $30,000,000 in twenty years. One-third of the proceeds of this fund has been given, year by year, to this hospital, it has now been announced. In 1942, a former seamstress at Jordan Marsh Company died and left an estate, the residue of which was to go to the Massachusetts General Hospital. After ten years the estate has been settled, and the sum of $3003 has come to the hospital. The Massachusetts General Hospital is operating as a huge medical institution devoted to patient care, teaching and medical research because of gifts like these.

In his will, George Robert White, President of the Cuticura Corporation of Malden, Massachusetts, established the **George Robert White Fund,** "to be spent on works of public utility and beauty for the use and enjoyment of the inhabitants of the City of Boston . . . no part of which it shall be the duty of the City of Boston in the ordinary course of events to provide." At the same time, Mr. White specified that, thereafter, from every $3.00 net profit made by his company, $2.00 was to be turned over to charitable endeavors through the **Humanitarian Fund.**

The **George Robert White Fund** has been a matter of public knowledge since 1922. Now, however, due to the principle of compounded interest, it has risen to the sum of about

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DEATH AND TAXES

While death is still a certainty, taxes are difficult to determine even on a yearly basis. The upward trend of local, state and federal taxes makes one pause.

It is easy to drift into the false psychology of considering our pay on a take-home level rather than on a gross-pay level. This is due to the withholding plan on federal taxes. The end of the year may prove that the withholdings have been too great, in which case we get a refund from the government. In other cases, the deductions may have been insufficient, and then we have an additional sum to pay.

No American objects to being taxed for necessary expenditures. All of us object to waste, duplication of effort, costly red tape and inefficiency. How many of us will write to Senator Leverett Saltonstall or Senator Henry Cabot Lodge, Jr., or our state government asking questions on taxes? Only by constantly questioning all our public officials can we be sure that our tax money is spent according to sound principles.

No one—not even a public official—wants others to think he is not doing a good job.

Dr. Clark was recently appointed for one year to the President's Commission on the Health Needs of the Nation.

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caps under which the hospitals worked. Most of the nurses are working a 48 hour week and consider that shorter than the usual! She also took note of the varied duties performed by the nurses. Because the hospitals do not have the fine lay personnel staffs that we do, nurses who are badly needed for patient care are also used to serve trays, work in the offices, labs and do housekeeping duties. Miss Sleeper was continually impressed with this lack of non-nursing personnel.

In between her official visits, Miss Sleeper had time to enjoy the countryside in Holland and the London festival. She was particularly impressed with the number of bicycles in Amsterdam. One day while she was waiting for the street light to change, she counted 150 of them passing by. At that point she stopped counting for a while to watch an ambulance go by!

Good luck to you on your present trip, Miss Sleeper. We will all be looking forward to hearing about it when you return.

Do You Know That?

We use 1800 baked custards every week and 100 loaves of hospital baked bread every day.

We use 600 pounds of coffee and 7,569 quarts of milk each week.

During one four week period our Dietary Department served 144,990 meals for $44,290.

Safety Committee

Mrs. Schade announced that the Safety Committee is planning a poster campaign since payments for accidents this January were $500 more than those of January 1950. She stressed that it is important for all of us to make an effort to do every job in the safest way possible and to remind each other about this if we are to improve our safety record.

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EVERYBODY'S BUSINESS

Gabrielle Bouvier Enters Paris Exhibition

Miss Gabrielle Bouvier, secretary in the Photography Department.

Miss Gabrielle Bouvier, secretary in the Photography Department, has had a still life painting accepted for the May exhibition at the University of Paris.

Miss Bouvier is a graduate of the Museum of Fine Arts School and has exhibited her work in New York, Boston and Chicago. She is also a member of the Brookline, Marblehead and Rockport Art Associations. Those of us who remember her exhibit in the Brick Corridor in the fall of 1950 are well aware of her talents.

We follow Gabrielle's progress in the field with admiration and interest.

A New Face

Dr. Lezer commented that the painting of the White Building is steadily progressing. The twelfth floor has been finished, the eleventh is nearly completed and the seventh floor is about half finished. Instead of spending the funds allocated for maintenance on general upkeep alone, and spreading the work over longer periods of time, it has been decided to paint three floors a year in order to give the patients the most restful and attractive surroundings possible.

What A Difference

The old saying, "It will be all the same in a hundred years," proves meaningless when applied to the history of the M. G. H. A century and a quarter ago, our hospital opened its doors to the first patient. From September 3, 1821, to January 1, 1822, there were eighteen admissions, and the cost of a house patient was $4.62 a week.

What a difference from the vas numbers of patients today and the pyramiding cost of service!

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$11,000,000; and its directors are patiently searching for "works of public utility and beauty." News of the **Humanitarian Fund,** however, has just recently been made known by the present directors of the Corporation. It appears to have been Mr. White's wish that no publicity be made of the fund for thirty years because he felt it would take that long before it was large enough to be of value. To this date, large amounts have been distributed by the **Humanitarian Fund.** Its greatest beneficiaries have been the Massachusetts General Hospital and the Boston Museum of Fine Arts.

Mrs. Harriet Bradbury, Mr. White's sister, made a bequest in her will to construct the George White Memorial Building. The building was completed and in operation in 1938 at the final cost of $2,500,000. Approximately one-third of the profits of the Potter Drug and Chemical Corporation come to the hospital annually in accordance with Mrs. Bradbury's Will.

Since the initial construction of the building, $1,000,000 has been given to the Massachusetts General Hospital; and the income from this has helped to defray the costs of medical care in this building.

In her will, Ulma Demerise Desjardine, former seamstress at Jordan Marsh Company, left to the Social Service Department of the Massachusetts General Hospital $3003. She was a French Canadian who had left her home in Quebec to become a governess for an American family at $9 a week and then worked as a seamstress for Jordan Marsh. She came to the General for the first time in 1918 when she was 54 years old. She had been to many hospitals for medical care, but this was the first place where she found the warm and friendly interest that can mean so much. She was referred to the Social Service Department where she was given glasses and convalescent care.

The last time anybody in the hospital heard from her was through a letter to the Social Service Department in 1924. She died ten years ago. When her estate was finally settled, it was discovered that the $3003 residue was left to the Massachusetts General Hospital.

As long as such people as George Robert White, Harriet Bradbury and Ulma Desjardine exist, institutions like the Massachusetts General Hospital will be free to continue their fine work.

Shown above is the combination cystometrogram and tidal drainage set made by Mr. Albert Gates of White 6. It has proved successful in the treatment of neurogenic bladders seen in paraplegics and multiple sclerotics.

Baker Memorial

John MacInerney, messenger at Baker Memorial for the past two and a half years, has left to join the armed services of the U. S. Air Force. His many friends and well-wishers contributed generously to signify their regard and on Thursday, January 21, he was presented a watch and a substantial sum of money in their behalf by Mrs. Cushing in charge of the department. Whether known as John, "Johnny" or "Mac," his genial manner and willingness to accommodate made him a great favorite and he will be missed by everyone with whom he came in contact.

Our best wishes go with him.

Errand Service

Marjorie Acree from the Errand Service is to receive $2.00 for her suggestion regarding the sign over the door of Cardiac Laboratory. The sign which now reads, "Heart Laboratory," has confused new staff workers and volunteers and she suggests that the sign read, "Cardiac Laboratory."

"America is just about like Japan, except there aren't as many American soldiers here."—Japanese war bride, arriving in U. S.

M.G.H. Bowling League

Well, folks, here we are back again. Missed you last time, but, you know, if we didn't miss some things some of the time, we would never enjoy them at other times.

Quite a few changes have occurred since our last get together. If you remember, the insurgent Yankees, the defending champions, were valiantly bidding for a higher standing. With the sensational bowling of Captain Jeffrey, Sal Gasdia, John Cavallaro, and recently acquired Jackie Fraser, the team has moved far from seventh place into the League leadership. But this is not the singular new item, for the King Pins have been greatly strengthened by the acquisition of Joe Powers. They proceeded in the first two weeks of his stay to break all existing bowling records. Joe St. Pierre, who looks like a national champion each time he throws the ball, set a new single and three-string high. The surprising Sparkers have replaced the faltering Invincibles and are now in second place.

In the second division we find the Falcons who have been gradually moving upward due to the fine bowling of Ralph Cluff, Loring, Reardon and Carpenter. The Strikers have been strengthened by the addition of George McKinnon. He and John Mendes should get the team moving. Don Cervizzi, captain of the Sad Sacks, certainly has had his hands full; despite his clutch bowling, the team has dropped into the second division. The Tigers, for some unknown reason, are mired in the second division. Billy McManus, captain of the team, Jerry Muollo, John Kivitkor and Max Rosen certainly rank with the better bowlers of the League; and, when they start clicking again, some of the clubs better watch out.

That's all for now, folks; see you next month!

Louis Jeffrey

Bowling News

John Mendes, at a recent meeting of the M. G. H. Bowling League, was appointed temporary Assistant Treasurer.

Billy McManus, captain of the Tigers, badly injured his leg in a recent bowling match. Hope he is well soon.

"The best way to kill a newspaper is by not patronizing it with your news"—Roland (Iowa) Record.

March 1952

Arm Bands at the M.G.H.

Mrs. Manuel Guijano is busy reading to one of the younger patients. Volunteers are utilized in practically every department of all units in the hospital.

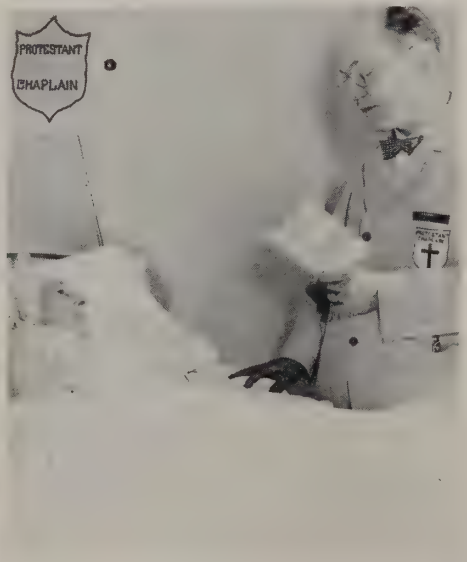
By the emblem in the corner you can identify the Department head of the Physical Therapist, Miss Mary E. Nesbitt. There are nine Physical Therapists who serve the hospital and out-patients needing assistance in their return to independent living and who participate in the Clinical training of students from Boston's three University Schools. The patient pictured above is a former figure skater learning to walk again following surgery for a spinal-cord defect.

Mrs. Rose McDonald is shown removing sterilized instruments from the autoclave. Mrs. McDona'd is a utility room aide on White 7.

The hospital aide emblem is worn after three months of nursing service; each chevron represents six months service.

Mr. Joseph Goff, one of the male student nurses from McLean Hospital, is shown above treating a patient.

Chaplain Burns is shown administering to a patient. The hospital provides its patients with chaplains of the three major faiths.



Miss Louise Rathborne is shown instructing one of the patients at the loom. The Occupational Therapy Department, under the direction of the doctor, provides treatment through manual activity to hasten the recovery of a patient from mental or physical disease or injury.

Send Your Pictures to The World Photographic Contest

Class I. "Drum Major" submitted by Samuel Green, Nursing Dept., General

Class II. "Going for a Walk" submitted by Cameli Perotia, Staff Nursing Dept., Baker

Woe Is Me!

(A patient's record speaks)

It happened all around me, at one time or another, but I never expected that such would be my fate. I lie here and wonder 'could it be my fault.' But, let me tell you my story and you be the judge.

It started away back when Iva Payne was wheeled into the OPD a very sick man. I was assigned to him to carry his reports, papers, tests, etc., to help lighten his load a wee bit, and I was glad of the chance to be helpful to one who needed much help. So I made a promise to myself that I would always be ready and waiting to serve him when he made his visits to the hospitals. For many weeks I kept my promise and whenever Unit 12345 was needed (that's me) I was ready and waiting and right where I knew I was sure to be looked for. There were days that were very busy and tiresome ones for me and it was good to get back at the end of the day where 'soft white hands' tucked me into my cozy nook where I could rest. It was never without a gratified feeling, however, that I looked forward to being with Iva Payne again. You see I had become quite attached to him—I felt I was his and he was mine—that we belonged together.

Then it happened. The patient reported for his checkup examination and thruout his visit I remained very close to him. It was good to see him looking so well. I bet he never realizes how important I was in helping him get better. Oh well, there is many an unsung hero and I guess I too am one.

But let me get back to my story. Seems I knew a lot about Iva and it was felt that what I knew might be valuable in helping other sick patients and that a paper should be written about me. And so, "not so soft hands" carried me off to a most unfamiliar place, a place I had never been before, a place I knew was not for me and that I should be on my way home. But, alas, I pushed into this very dark lower right hand drawer 'cause I guess I didn't talk loud enough when I said, "this is not my right place; please send me home and I promise to be ready for you when you are ready for me. Supposing something happens to Iva Payne and I am needed? I won't be able to help him and after all, my first duty is to him, the patient." The drawer was closed as I was speaking, and here I am with the same fate that, no doubt, has happened to many of my long lost relatives whom I always missed so much when I was alone.

I was taught that everybody and everything had its place and that my place at the end of each day was in the Record Room. Me and my family try so hard to be available when we are called upon; but, how can we be when we are abducted this way. What do you think? ? ?

I know that when Miss Seymour—or Alice Hemmerlin find out that I am AWOL they will get on my trail fast and rescue me but, until then—WOE IS ME!

Please, will someone reading my story dial 681 and tell those "soft white hands" to come and take me home.

Rose Brooks

CORRECTION

The Editors of the World apologize for the error in the January issue. The captions under the family pictures of Si Gagne and Henry Halligan were reversed.

ABOUT FOLKS

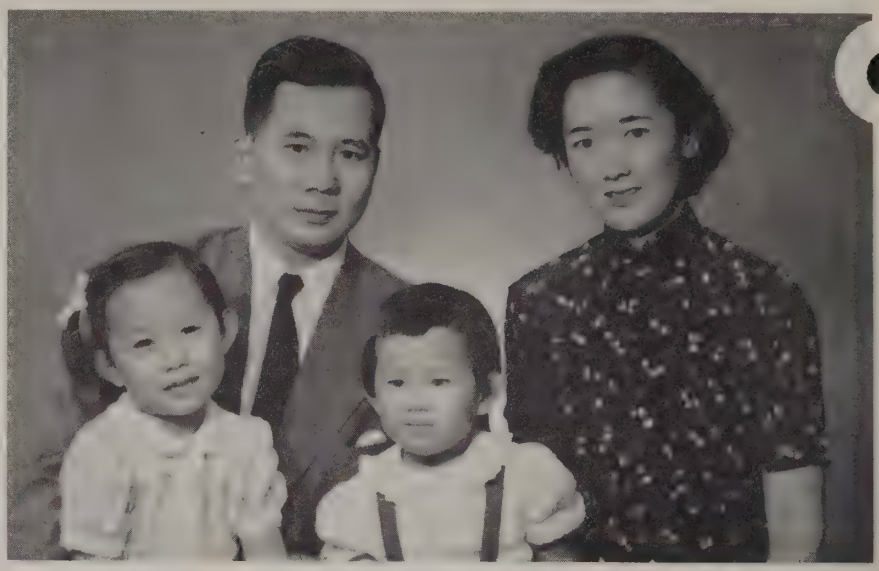
Housekeeping

A get-well card was hastened to Bogus Deroyian, a two-star veteran worker, who is hospitalized in Ward 6, Bulfinch Building.

Peter Andonian and Edwin Hulen were welcomed back from their long illnesses by their co-workers of the White Building.

Mrs. Julia Lowell, the discharge matron of the Bulfinch Building, has recovered from her recent accident and has resumed her duties. Her accident occurred on duty and not on her skills which she has really mastered.

In a survey of the Housekeeping Staff we found that we have carpenters, musicians, mechanics, book writers, song writers, artists, athletes and many more. Yet all these harmonize to knock the dust, sweep the floors, clean the walls, swab the decks and save the money.



We were very glad to receive this picture from Jennie McDonald of our Telephone Exchange of Dr. Chiuan Wang, formerly a house officer in the M.G.H. Surgical service and his family who are now living in Hong Kong. Mrs. Wang worked in the M.G.H. Blood Bank.

Eye and Ear Infirmary

An information evening for the secretaries of 53 staff doctors took place at the Infirmary on Tuesday, February 26, from 5:00 to 7:00. Since the doctor's secretary often makes the necessary arrangements for admitting a patient to the Infirmary, she may be asked all kinds of questions about its services and accommodations. Accordingly, the Admitting Office staff arranged for an acquaintance visit which included tours of the Infirmary, informal discussions of the hospital's work and finally dinner in the Cafeteria.

The guests saw the accommodations on the private and ward floors and the facilities of the Out-Patient Department. They visited the Winthrop Foundation, Retina Service and Mosher Laboratory under the guidance of Mrs. Wayland, Miss Peterson, Miss Davidson and Miss Phyllis Bower, who conducted the tours.

Dinner had been prepared by the Dietary Department for 6:30, and the visitors had an opportunity to meet personally the Admitting Officers, Miss Henrietta Olsen, R.N., Miss Walborg Peterson, R.N., and Miss Martha Davidson, R.N. (Miss Ruth Hutchinson, R.N., the fourth Admitting Officer, was not able to be present.) In many cases, both secretaries and admitting nurses had only been "telephone voices" to each other before. Guests and hosts pronounced the evening not only interesting and informative, but thoroughly enjoyable.

You and Your Health, a television education series sponsored by the Massachusetts Blue Cross and Blue Shield, has presented three members of the Infirmary staff on recent programs this year. In January, Dr. LeRoy A. Schall, Chief of the Ear, Nose and Throat Service, appeared on the program, speaking on Sinusities." Dr. Virgil Casten, Surgeon in Ophthalmology, discussed "Strabismus" on March 3; and the following week, March 10, Dr. Donald K. Lewis, Associate Surgeon of the Winthrop Foundation, talked on "Hearing Problems in Children."

The Blue Cross program, presented with the cooperation of the Massachusetts Medical Society and the Massachusetts Hospital Association, appears every Monday night at 6:45.

Miss Helen Keyes of the Accounting Department, who has been a member of the USO for five years, this season helped entertain veterans in hospitals all over the Boston area. As a member of the Girls' Service Organization, she has sung at Murphy Army Hospital in West Roxbury, Chelsea Naval Hospital and in veterans hospitals in Framingham and Rutland. Helen also sings at the Army and Navy YMCA'S, as well as acting as hostess there.

Phillips House

Life goes on very actively for our busy ward helpers. Joan DeCourcey and Catherine Kaelck have passed their nursing examinations and hope soon to be enrolled at Mt. Aubu Hospital.

Marjorie Taylor and Stella Lombardi, Phillips House messengers, are always flying about. Marjorie is waiting for her fiance to return from Korea, and Stella is working hard at Boston Teachers College.

From the fourth floor comes word of the engagement of Miss Catherine Mayer who expects to be married next August.

Miss Marie Rahilly will soon be going over to New York for a gay week end.

Mrs. Phyllis Maran who was here for many years is now serving as a Visiting Nurse in Somerville.

Mrs. Alice Brown is now living in Charleston, S. C., and has a lovely baby.

Maintenance

Mr. Charles Smith, boss of the carpenter shop, is recuperating from an operation which he had three weeks ago.

A daughter, Mary Marguerite, was born to Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Cardullo on December 3, 1951. Incidentally, the father, who is employed in the pai shop, also has his birthday on D cember 3. Congratulations, Joe.

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Construction Begins on M.G.H. Nurses' Residence

Miss Ruth E. Sleeper, Director of the School of Nursing and Nursing Service, handles the steam shovel as the ground is broken for the new nursing home. Those looking on include, left to right: Mr. Thorwald Paulsen, vice-president, Fuller Construction Co.; Mr. Henry R. Shepley, architect, and Mr. Phillips Ketchum, hospital trustee.

Hospital Credit Group Holds Panel Discussion

The Retail Credit Association sponsored a late Winter meeting of the Hospital Credit Group at a dinner, March 18, at Schraffts.

The program was based on a panel of hospital Credit Managers and Administrators.

Richard D. Mills, Administrator, Boston Lying-In Hospital, was Moderator, and the following appeared on the panel:

Edmund Mattos, Director, New England Hospital; Sarah Lifregren, Executive Assistant, Massachusetts General Hospital; Mary Adams, Budget Interviewer, Children's Medical Center; S. David Kaufman, Comptroller, Beth Israel Hospital; Elmer Gould, Credit Manager, Newton-Wellesley Hospital; Peter Robinson, Credit Manager, Norwood Hospital.

Miss Sarah Lifregran, in charge of the Baker Memorial Admitting Office, was the outstanding speaker.

Frances M. Hernan, First Vice-President, Retail Credit Association of Boston, was Chairman of the program.

Hospital Safety

On March 27 and 28 the Institute on Hospital Safety held its first meeting at the Hotel Statler in Boston. The Massachusetts General Hospital was represented by Dr. Leon R. Lezer, Assistant Director, and William Cross, maintenance, while Joseph Prekup represented McLean Hospital.

The 88 men and women present came from hospitals in New England, the Middle West and Canada. The objective of the Institute was to help reduce accidents to personnel, patients and visitors, and to educate everyone in accident prevention.

FIRST HALF OF EIGHT-STORY HOME

On Wednesday, March 17, at 12:30 p.m. a dream full of planning since 1920 became a reality when the steam shovel, under the hands of Miss Sleeper and Mr. Ketchum, turned the first earth in the beginning of the new nurses' residence, which will be built in the northeast corner of the Bulfinch lawn. The construction will be in line with the Research Building backing on Allen Street.

There has been much need for a new nurses' home; and, although we have seven dormitories for nurses, there have been times when even the students have had to live out or commute from home. The total capacity of these homes is 495 beds, and as of April 1 this year there were 101 graduates and 304 students living in with the rest of the beds booked for incoming students in June.

There will be no double rooms in this new home but three and four room suites shut off from the corridor. Every floor will have a laundry, kitchenette, and a sitting room opening onto a balcony. The roof will also have a kitchenette and rumpus room and, of course, there will be a spacious sunken living room. The capacity of the first half of this new eight-story home will be 150 and anyone who wishes to do so may see a sketch of it on the bulletin board outside the Nurses' Cafeteria.

Miss Hapney On Leave of Absence

Miss Cosette Hapney, Administrative Assistant, has left the hospital to do some special work for the President's Commission on the Health Needs of the Nation. She will be on leave of absence until December 31, 1952.

Miss Hapney is serving as a staff member on the subcommittee to study the health needs and resources of the nation.

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A Chat With The Chaplain

Easter and Passover come early in the spring. In the churches and synagogues on these days we hear readings from the Holy Book: "Lo, the winter is past, the rain is over and gone; the flowers appear on the earth; the time of the singing of birds is come and the voice of the turtle is heard in our land."

This year, as with people five thousand years ago in Egypt and Persia, the revival of life in the spring prompted us to sing hymns of praise and joy to our God who not only gave us this life but also gave us hope for eternity. This revival of life each spring is a yearly assurance that the strange story of a man, who like a seed, died — lay in a grave — rose to live again, is a miracle that we may accept with delight knowing that only the creator Himself could do these things for us.

Spring came on schedule this year, suddenly somewhere between five and five-thirty on the afternoon of March 21. We who love these rocky hills accept this startling event both as normal and as our reward. We may complain among ourselves about the New England weather but to the outlander we seem content with our lot. However, contentment is usually an attractive and engaging virtue which most of us attribute to other people. In any case, the intermingling of the sights, sounds and smells of spring with the lifting of our spirits in the season's religious festivals fills us all with a kind of holy discontent.

Suddenly we realize that we have become too contented with ourselves as we are! As we look ahead we feel anew that **this** year we can be more true to our best selves. We tell ourselves that we can hold our tongues from saying mean words and say instead the understanding word that will strengthen the flagging spirit of another. We feel certain that we can keep confidence a little better this year. We are not only discontented with our lives as they have been but we feel truly reassured that we can do and be better, not only for our own sakes, but for those around us and for the glory and praise of Him who gives all life and all the means to make it more abundant.

Chaplain James H. Burns

Sixty Student Nurses Enter New Class

Sixty student nurses entered the School of Nursing of the M.G.H. on Tuesday, March 4. This was one of the largest classes of students to be enrolled in March, and the M.G.H. is one of the few schools of nursing in the Boston area which still admits two classes a year. Ninety student nurses entered the School of Nursing in the fall class last September.

The M.G.H. School of Nursing, in an effort to combat the critical nursing shortage, has increased the enrollment of student nurses by one hundred in the past year. There are at present 373 students in the school, 65 affiliating students, making a grand total of 438.

THE CHAPEL

I knelt in the Chapel this morning
And longed for the tension to ease.
In our World there is worry and friction,
We long for the Wonder of Peace.

As I stayed on, content in that quiet
A thought, like a quickly thrown dart,
Came to startle and pierce my tired spirit
"Peace **ever** is in the Heart."

And, in the midst of this turmoil,
Serene in its beautiful calm.
Is the Chapel inviting the weary
To enter and take of its balm.

No matter how tired the Body
Frustrated or confused the mind,
In that setting, the soul relaxes
And knows, its strength it can find.

So, too, in the core of my Being
Removed from disturbance of thought
Is the Chapel I build by believing
That God is there to be sought!

Eleanor B. Pitman, Head Nurse,
Fourth Floor, Phillips House

Send Your Pictures to The World Photographic Contest

Class II "His First Catch" submitted by Leslie McAfee, hospital aide in the General Nursing Department.

In Memoriam

John J. D'Ovidio, former orderly, died recently after a long illness. He had been a valued member of the M.G.H. family since November, 1948.

Custer Walker, who had been with the General Nursing Department since 1929, recently died of a cerebral vascular accident. He will be long remembered by the M.G.H. family.

Martha Keeble, who has been employed in the Linen Room since 1942, died recently. She will be missed by her many friends.

Suggestion Awards

Mrs. Doris Logan, secretary in the Dental Clinic, and Mrs. Rose Brooks, Record Room, have both received $2 for their suggestions. Mrs. Logan suggested that a bell be installed at the window of the records filing counter so that people will not have to wait until a girl goes by to let someone know that she is there. Mrs. Brooks' idea to move the mirror to the other side of the Out-Patient coat room is sure to help the problem of congestion in that area.

Bouquets For The M. G. H.

The following excerpts from patients' letters to Dr. Clark speak for themselves:

"Words cannot adequately express my sincere gratitude for the wonderful care I received from the entire staff; nurses, doctors, and floor aids. They are a credit to M.G.H.! Every minute of each day I saw 'teamwork' in action that is unsurpassable. I wish you all good fortune and the utmost of success."

"Never will I forget my stay in this hospital. Not just the doctors and nurses but all hospital workers made you reach for renewed strength."

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EVERYBODY'S BUSINESS

Class I "The Massing of the Flags" submitted by Stephen Corsaro.

M. G. H. Talent Exhibited in the Brick Corridor

Miss Lillian Bloom, secretary in Psychiatric Research, displays two of her paintings.

Donald Withee, the genial photographer known as "Whitty," is preparing the new teaching collection and using the microscopic photography.

Si Gagne, who works in the M.G.H. paint shop, relaxes between brush strokes.

Miss A. M. Viden, Director of Nurses' Residences, is working in oils.

Miss Ruth Holden, floor secretary in General Nursing, is shown above doing copper work.

M. G. H. Talent

What is your hobby? Do you collect stamps, paint, read, knit or model clay in your spare time? In this issue of The World, we have devoted the "picture page" to showing some of the hobbies enjoyed by fellow M.G.H.er's. All of these people, and many others, were kind enough to share their hobbies with us by exhibiting some of their work in the Brick Corridor last year.

They all have talents of varied types and styles. Most of them have a hobby which is divorced from their regular field of work, while others, like Don Withee, follow the same bent in both fields.

Lillian Bloom, secretary in Psychiatric Research, expresses her creative ability in fingerpainting. During the past three years she has had instruction at the Boston Adult Education Center and now occasionally teaches groups of neighborhood children. Through her demonstrations, Miss Bloom has interested many of the patients in Bulfinch, Ward 7, in taking up fingerpainting. She finds that her work, which is painted on a special type of paper and then pressed with an iron, makes decorative wrappings for gifts.

Miss Ruth Holden, floor secretary in Bulfinch, has always been interested in art and design. Believing that she did not have enough talent for art school, she studied at the Melrose Adult Education Center and the Cambridge Education Center. She also studied under Peter Manzoni on Boylston Street in Boston. Miss Holden's copper work makes lovely gifts which she is often asked to make by her friends.

Donald Withee, who works in the M.G.H. Photographic Laboratory, is the man largely responsible for the excellent photographs displayed throughout the hospital and for the excellent reproductions in The World and many Boston newspapers. We all remember the church exhibit during Christmas time! For the past two years Don has made photomicrophy his specialty and is considered expert in that field. He has designed and built his own photomicrographic camera as well as a special operating room camera.

Miss Viden from the Nursing Department really enjoys her hobby. As she says, "Oils have always fascinated me. You don't have to know why you do this or why you do that. You see an old barn and you want to paint it . . . painting, like playing the piano, does something for the soul, it soothes it."

Everybody is aware of the talent that is forever springing forth from Simeon Gagne. Si, who works in the Paint Shop, has a particular bent toward painting, but combines many others with it. He built the windows that were in the lobby of the General Hospital during Christmas and also worked on the Nativity scene that was displayed in the Brick Corridor.

It is likely that a great many of us have similar hobbies. If you do, would you like to share them with your M.G.H. family?

He Who Laughs Last Laughs Best

The keen competition which has existed since 1949 between the Plumbing Shop personnel and the Electrical Shop personnel has crystalized again this year. In 1949 the Electrical Shop won the Softball contest and the trophy which the Electrical Shop had made. This winter the competition carried over into the Bowling Tournament. In the February issue of The World the "Mighty Plumbers" crowed over winning a contest on January 29. Now the Electricians modestly point to the scores of the two following games when the "Mighty Plumbers" were soundly trounced — and the trophy is again held by the Electricians. "He who laughs last laughs best," says Mike Giggi.

Bowling League

With the season moving into its last quarter, we find the defending champions, the Yankees, still leading the pack. The Yankees have lost Jackie Fraser to the Air Force, but he has been replaced by the capable Bill Bogiages from the Print Shop. There was a tense duel last week between the Yankees and the second place Sparkers. The Sparkers have been in and out of second place all year. They have done tremendously well with Mal McLean leading the way. He certainly has bowled well during the entire season, as his 95 average attests; but, without the help of big Bob Alfredson, curve thrower Eddie Butters and leadoff man Walt Robak, they certainly would not be up there.

One team we cannot overlook any longer is the Strikers. In the last several weeks they have met all the top first division teams and did not lose a single match. This show by the Strikers has been led by John Mendes and George McKinnon. Credit is due to both Joe Inferrera and Joe Donovan; they have both bowled above and beyond expectations.

Louis Jeffrey

The Plumbers proudly display the score sheets. Members of the team include, front row, left to right: George McKinnon, and John Kwitkor; back, left to right: Tom Healy, John Cavallaro, and Walter Pickles.

The Electricians prove that they are not to be outdone. The team consists of, left to right: Michael Giggi, Elmer Stanley, Malcolm McLean, William McManus and Robert Alfredson.

ABOUT FOLKS

Dietary Tidbits

Since our last edition of Tidbits we have bid welcome to Mrs. Virginia Holenda, a new staff member serving in the Nutrition Clinic, Mrs. Shirley Mitchell, who has returned to Dietary as Food Supervisor in East Cafeteria (Mrs. Mitchell was Miss Magison when she was in the General Hospital Patients' Service), and Miss Shirley Pulsifer, Diet Aide in Baker Memorial.

Jack Fraser, who has been working with us in Dietary for the past five years, has resigned from his post as part of our efficient Bake Shop crew and volunteered to work for Uncle Sam in the Air Force. We hope that his enlistment period will be loaded with good luck.

Mrs. Helen Turner, cashier in West Cafeteria, was ill for several weeks. We are happy to say that she has recovered and is back on the job again.

West Cafeteria has been obliged to get along without the gracious presence of Mrs. Marion Schurer, night supervisor. Mrs. Schurer's husband has been ill for several weeks. We hope that he will be well and she will be able to come back soon.

Helen Fitzpatrick of General Patient's Food Service and Mary Corbett of East and Nurses' Cafeteria both suffered accidents that kept them at home for some time. We are glad to report that they have recovered and are back at work.

We have some unhappy news to report. Cora Coleman, who served in Nurses' Cafeteria for at least ten years before returning to her native California a year ago, received a message that her son has been wounded in the fighting in Korea. He has been in Uncle Sam's service for a long time, first for the Navy and now the Marines. We wish him a speedy and complete recovery. His father, a U.S. Navy man, was killed in the service in World War II.

Death claimed Martha Carney's father on March 30. Martha is day supervisor in West Cafeteria. She knows, we are sure, how deeply sympathetic we feel for this great loss she and her mother share.

COMING!

The Safety Committee is going to offer $10 for the best slogan; details to be announced. Start thinking now about your contribution for a safety slogan for the M.G.H.

Baker Memorial

Mrs. Mattie Collins wishes to thank the following people who donated blood for her operation: Beatrice Walker, Martha Simpson, Jeanne Morrison, Francis Cooper, Mary Gardner and Flora Thomas. We are all very glad to see Mrs. Collins back again.

We are sorry to lose Mrs. Violet DeDominicus who is leaving to live on the Cape and work as an aide at the Cape Cod Hospital.

A surprise shower was given Mrs. William Degillo, formerly Miss Dorothy Norton, at Steuben's Vienna Room. A gay evening was enjoyed by all.

Mrs. Dorothy Toler is leaving Baker 9 to take up residence in South Carolina and await the arrival of a little Toler.

Miss Mary Pickard Johnson has left the Baker Memorial Recovery Room and is being replaced by Ruth Reylea.

Miss Mary Norris, formerly of Baker O.R., has announced her engagement. She is now working in Kansas.

Phillips House

Gertrude DeBruyn was pleasantly surprised on her birthday when she was presented with an ice cream birthday cake all decorated for the occasion. A group of friends wished her well.

Anna Murphy, Sylvia Romano, Catherine Gallagher and Frank Dingwell have all recovered from their "bout with the Flu" and are back with us again.

Charles Kelley is back on duty after undergoing a major operation. Everyone is pleased that he is back on the road to good health again.

Pharmacy

Miss Shirley Albert was recently wed to Mr. Murray Lederman of Brockton. They are honeymooning in Florida.

The Pharmacy wishes to welcome Mrs. Godson and Mrs. Comeau, recent additions to the Pharmacy staff.

Mrs. Mary O'Flaherty, who was recently ill, has returned to work. We all missed her and were very glad to have her back.

Mrs. Gerald Campagna, pharmacist, has left the Pharmacy to join her husband in Washington. Hope she has a world of luck in her new surroundings.

Eye & Ear Infirmary

On April 2 an informal Coffee Hour was held in the Surgeons' Parlor for Mr. George S. Watts, the Head of the Accounting Department. Mr. Watts resigned from the Infirmary to accept the position of Assistant Director at the Salem Hospital. The Coffee Hour gave Mr. Watts' many well-wishers an opportunity for saying good-byes and also to wish him success in his new position.

Mr. Raymond Lyons, who has been a member of the Accounting Department since 1947, has been named as the new supervisor.

Miss Phyllis Bower left the Infirmary this month to be married. A graduate of the Faulkner Hospital, Miss Bower has been a member of the Infirmary staff for five years as nurse in Dr. LeRoy A. Schall's office. Miss Bower plans to live in Boston after her wedding on April 26.

The Boston Eye Bank participated in the New England Hospital Assembly's convention held in the Hotel Statler on March 24, 25 and 26. The Eye Bank had special visual exhibits to illustrate the program it carries on. A picture display explained the work of the Eye Bank from the time a phone call informs the Executive Secretary that eye tissue is available until the corneal graft operation is performed. A colored slide series showed an eye before and after the transplant operation.

The Exhibit at the Hospital Assembly was one part of the educational program the Eye Bank conducts in the Boston area and throughout New England. Five hundred of the Eye Bank's pamphlets — recently revised and brought up to date — were given out at the Hospital Assembly. Miss Phylis Scott, the executive secretary, Mrs. Harris Farnstock, Junior League representative on the Bank's Executive Committee, and Mrs. Robert Kendall, a volunteer assistant, were kept busy during the three-day convention answering questions and giving details of the Eye Bank's aims and objectives.

Miss Helen Coghlan, supervisor of Phillips House O.R., and Mrs. Mary Carr Turner, supervisor of Baker O.R., have changed positions temporarily. Miss Coghlan and Mrs. Turner have both had a long and fine record with the hospital; they both received 20-year service pins last October.

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M.G.H. Operetta Company Plays "The Gondoliers"

The happy gondoliers and their lucky wives sing with joy as their friends look on. Standing from left to right: Sonia Lewchuck (Gianetta), Tommy Connolly (Marco), Constance Spurway (Tessa) and Richard Rogers (Giuseppe).

Third Annual Event Acclaimed Great Success

The M. G. H. Operetta Company gave a most successful presentation of Gilbert and Sullivan's comic operetta "The Gondoliers" at the Elizabeth Peabody Playhouse on Thursday and Friday, April 24 and 25, under the direction of Miss Margot Warner. They were assisted by Mrs. Harold Amory and Mrs. Langdon Warner at the piano.

This was the third annual production of this talented group. The proceeds of the event are divided between the M. G. H. Research Fund and the Employees' Recreation Fund.

Sonia Lewchuck as Gianetta and Constance Spurway as Tessa, wives of the Gondoliers, gave a very spirited performance with voices showing to great advantage in the counterplay as the plot developed. Miss Spurway in "When a merry maiden marries" and in the dance of the gondoliers and their wives gave zest and power to the action. Miss Lewchuck's lovely colorful soprano in the quartet "In a comtemplative fashion" and in the quintet and finale "Here is a fix unprecedented" provided some of the high points of the production.

John (Tommy) Connolly and Richard Rogers as the two Gondoliers, Marco and Giuseppe, were well cast. In "Take a pair of sparkling eyes" Tommy Connolly's voice was at its best, resonant and romantic. Richard Rogers gave an excellent portrayal of one of the harassed young kings. His stage presence and round, mellow voice added much to the performance as shown in his song "Rising early in the morning."

A new star was added to this versatile group this year when Madelynn Regan, in the chorus last year, was given the part of Casilda. She brought to the interpretation a full, sweet, young voice and the combina-

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Miss Sleeper Reports World Wide Nurse Shortage

Miss Ruth Sleeper, Director of the M.G.H. School of Nursing and Nursing Service, recently attended a conference of educators from nine countries sponsored by the World Health Organization. She is chairman of the education committee of the International Council of Nurses and represented the United States. Other countries represented included: India, Yugoslavia, Finland, Switzerland, France, England, Brazil and Canada.

The nursing educators drew up a minimum standard requirement for nurses all over the world and decided to set up a plan for nursing education which would bring together the classroom instruction and ward practice in all cases. Miss Sleeper found that the Americans and Canadians are thinking more about the training of auxiliary helpers while the emphasis is necessarily on the professional nurse in the countries where nursing is just developing. She discovered that the United States is the only place where the team plan is being used to help the shortage.

Miss Sleeper said she thought Americans needed to emphasize "the patient and the family" in nursing programs. "We talk about the hospital and the community. It should be the hospital in the community."

Credit Managers Meet

On April 24th, a group of thirty-five New England Hospital Credit Managers met at M.G.H. It was an informal workshop meeting to organize and arrange future monthly meetings. Much enthusiasm was shown and many credit problems were discussed.

The next meeting will be in conjunction with the N. E. Credit Grantors at the New Ocean House, Swampscott, on Monday, May 19.

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Safety

"Out of this nettle, Danger, we pluck this flower, Safety."

—Shakespeare

The desire for safe living is strong within every one of us. Every mature, self-supporting person has passed that period in his life when it was such fun to play "Stump the Leader" on a lofty diving board or nose his speeding sled down the steep hill above the railroad tracks. As mature people we know that the experience of living in security, working with our hands, our minds and our heart is in itself a wonderful thing and carries with it a joy and zest we never suspected when we were children.

Safe living should be an ideal, a supreme goal for all of us. However, if we are to attain this ideal, we must work together as individuals and as a group. As individuals we must cease to take chances where there is a question of risk involved. We must learn to THINK Safety. "Is this too heavy for me to lift alone?" "I wonder if that kettle is hot." It nearly always is! "If I use this cleansing fluid, I wonder if my hands will 'break out'." By THINKING Safety we may eliminate many sources of accident and infection.

As a body we must be Safety Concious: on the alert to recognize and report faulty equipment, aware of hazardous corners in the hospital, watchful always of our traffic problems in narrow and busy corridors.

There are many potential dangers which may be observed and reported or quickly disposed of by the alert: the little mound of shattered glass behind the bedside table, the slippery area near the treatment room door, the glistening razor blade carelessly left on the sink shelf in the utility room, a bee all set to sting the unwary.

Let us think of our Safety Program as a strong wall of protection which we are building around ourselves, our fellow workers, our homes. But, with 99 accidents to date in 1952, we know there is a weakness in our wall; some bricks are shaking loose. However, our recognition of our weakness should lend strength and purpose to our Safety Program. We can, with this strong flashlight of recognition, find the loose bricks and cement them well.

Mary Welch
Baker Nursing

Help to Observe Hospital Safety Week

The week of May 19 to 25 is set aside as hospital Safety Week. During this time various exhibits and programs will be presented in the Brick Corridor. At the same time, it is hoped that each person in the hospital will acquire the Safety Habit every week.

The M.G.H. Safety Committee has set up a board in the brick corridor similar to the one there during the Community Fund drive. The red tape on this board will keep a daily account of accidents in each department. The Workmen's Compensation Office will also display graphs showing accident rates since 1949. A film entitled, "Miracle of Paradise Valley," will be shown in the Brick Corridor during coffee time and lunch hour. A dummy accident will also be staged in the Brick Corridor during the Safety Week.

Know Your Hospital Safety Committee

Mr. William Cross, Chairman, Maintenance
Mrs. Gertrude Schade, Secretary, Workmen's Compensation Office
Mr. Carl Dexter, Maintenance
Mrs. Frances Harvey, Dietary
Mr. Frank Mayers, Laundry
Mr. Louis Parker, G.H. Nursing, Orderly
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Miss Pauline Porter, G.H. Nursing, Hospital Aide
Mr. Joseph Kelly, B.M. Nursing, Orderly
Miss Mary Welch, B.M. Nursing, Hospital Aide
Mrs. Ann Mead, B.M. Nursing, Ward Helper
Mr. Fred Drew, Phillips House, Orderly
Mr. Paul Murphy, Housekeeping
Mrs. Pauline Abbott, Eye and Ear Infirmary, Nurse
Mr. William Conley, Eye and Ear Infirmary
Mr. Joseph Precup, McLean Hospital

Suggestion Awards

Mrs. Frances Harvey, Dietary, has received $10 for her suggestion which led to the installation of cigarette vendor machines in the cafeterias. Mrs. Harvey felt that this would accommodate people on short lunch hours.

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Bouquets From Our Patients

Dr. Clark wants to share with you a few of the letters which he has received from patients. Here are some excerpts from them:

"There is nothing you could have done to improve my care. Everything was fine, the nurses, doctors, dieticians, etc. were the best. I thought it was very nice to have the Chaplain visit me before my operation; he certainly relieved my mind. In fact, everyone from the lady who admitted me to the lady who discharged me treated me wonderfully, and if ever the time comes when I must enter a hospital again, you can be sure it will be this one."

"It is impossible for me to think of any way to improve the care or add to the kindness shown me during my more than two months spent here—and the five weeks at Storrow House. May I add a heartfelt 'Thank You' to all who made my recovery a complete success."

"After spending weeks in a small town hospital, I feared entering a large city hospital. Everyone on the floor has been smiling and giving service cheerfully. I couldn't possibly find any fault at all. My stay here has been far beyond my expectation in friendliness and kindness."

Send Your Pictures to The World Photographic Contest

Class I "Tragedy" submitted by Joseph Doyle from the Electrical Shop

Photogenic ?

Calling all M. G. H. camera fans
To join our photo competition.
Send in three prints you like the best
From Junior's smile to Nuclear
Fission.

Say It With Verse

Miss Edna Harrison, former hospital aide in the Baker Memorial, is about to have her first book published. Entitled, "Say It With Verse," it runs 64 pages and will sell for $2.00. If Miss Harrison can promise the publishers 350 orders, it will come out this summer. If any of you are interested in receiving one of the first copies, look at the letter posted on the bulletin board in the Moseley coat room.

P. H. Housekeeping

On April 26, Mrs. Goldsmith bid us adieu after 19 years as housekeeper in the Phillips House. A very special party was given her where she received many gifts. She will be missed and we wish her great success in her future.

Mrs. Agnes Redman has been appointed the new supervisor of Housekeeping. A series of congratulatory parties were given Mrs. Goldsmith and she received several nice gifts.

Mary Campano is enjoying an early spring vacation.

Donald MacKay is also on vacation, watching the flowers, which he loves, burst in bloom.

Hugh Heney, General Appliance Room, spent his vacation with his aunt and sister in New York.

M.G.H. Open House

On Saturday, April 26, the Massachusetts General Hospital held the second Open House for prospective student nurses. The first one, held on December 28, 1951, was for seniors only while this one was for sophomores and juniors. About 200 high school students were present at each event. Each group was taken on a tour of the hospital and had an informal coffee hour followed by a discussion and demonstration period.

The Massachusetts General Hospital offered its facilities to the Household Nursing Association School of Attendant Nursing for an Open House on Saturday, May 3. This was the first time that an Open House was held for students who want to become licensed attendants.

Class II "The End of the Lost Whaler" submitted by Allen Mathewson, Purchasing

M. G. H. Operetta Company in "The Gondoliers"

The Gondoliers enjoy their happy life.

Excited by the reunion with their husbands, Gianetta and Tessa overwhelm them with questions.

The Duke and his attendant and family arrive in search of Casilda's husband. Standing from left to right: Alice Perry (Duchess), Peter Terry (Duke), Madelynn Regan (Casilda) and Barrie Bell (Luiz).

Casilda shows great dislike for the news of her childhood husband brought by Don Alhambra del Bolero. From left to right: Alice Perry (Duchess), Dana Freeman (Don Alhambra del Bolero) and Madelynn Regan (Casilda).

The Duchess and Casilda try to teach the Gondoliers court manners.

Nobody seems too pleased at the prospect of supplying Casilda with her King. Standing from left to right: Tommy Connolly (Marco), Sonia Lewchuck (Gianetta), Madelynn Regan (Casilda), Constance Spurway (Tessa) and Richard Rogers (Giuseppe).

Inez, the King's Foster-Mother, holds everyone's attention as she unveils the story of the King. Standing from left to right: Madelynn Regan (Casilda), Alice Perry (Duchess), Peter Terry (Duke), Dana Freeman (Don Alhambra), Patsy Saunders (Inez), Tommy Connolly (Marco), Sonia Lewchuck (Gianetta), Constance Spurway (Tessa) and Richard Rogers (Giuseppe).

Everybody heartily approves as Don Alhambra crowns Luiz as King.

Miss Margot Warner has directed the M.G.H. Operetta Company since its birth three years ago. Her interest and enthusiasm have been a large factor in making the shows the great successes that they have been.

The two Kings show their appreciation to the court.

The Duke and Duchess of Plaza-Toro find happiness in the prospect of royalty in the family, but their daughter Casilda does not seem to share it. Left to right: Peter Terry (Duke), Madelynn Regan (Casilda) and Alice Perry (Duchess).

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tion of poise and naiveté needed. Her song "O rapture, when alone together" indicates the scope of her ability.

Alice Perry as the Duchess of Plaza-Toro and Peter Terry as the Duke gave the outstanding character portrayals of the play. As the haughty but financially handicapped parents of Casilda, wed as a baby to the King of Barataria, they entered the royal domain to claim recognition for their daughter. Alice Perry played her part with great dash and verve. In her song "On the day when I was wedded" she won much applause. She was ably supported by a superb rendition of the Duke given by Peter Terry whose acting ability was much appreciated. His song "In enterprise of martial kind" was enthusiastically received.

Special mention should be made of Barrie Bell who, as Luiz, played the attendant of the Duke and Duchess, secretly in love with Casilda and who turns out to be the true king of Barataria. The part was given with restraint and a nice perception of value. His song "There was a time" was sung in a plaintive and beseeching tenor that was very moving.

One of the oustanding members of the company was Dana Freeman as Don Alhambra del Bolero (the Grand Inquisitor). With his well known ability as a character actor he brought to this part a grim and formidable, yet withal amorously vulnerable, portrayal that won constant applause. In his song "I stole the prince" his fine baritone voice was heard to great advantage.

Louise Fred as Fiametta, a contadine, attracted favorable attention with her clear sweet soprano in the solo, "Tho obedience is strong, curiosity's stronger." Stephen Bel Corsaro as Antonio won acclaim with his happy carefree personality as one of the gay Venetian Gondoliers. His "For the merriest fellows are we" was truly rollicking.

A point of high drama in a gay and merry production was introduced by Patsy Saunders at the end of the Operetta in the part of Inez who had swapped her own child for the infant king. Her clear contralto voice with its undertone of tragedy lent itself well to the startling announcement of the identity of the king.

The chorus of Venetian Gondoliers and Contadine deserve special mention. Vigorous, spirited and colorful, they formed a perfect background for the action of the operetta. The gondoliers included: John (Tommy) Connolly, Richard Rogers, Stephen Bel Corsaro, Robert Benway, Malcolm Stebbins, George Shields. Among the contadine were: Sonia Lewchuck, Constance Spurway, Louise Fred, Camilla Sewell, Charlotte Leland.

Great credit is due the Director of the M. G. H. Operetta Company, Miss Margot Warner, who has piloted the cast through three successive years of successful Gilbert and Sullivan operettas. Her knowledge, skill and enthusiasm have been of inestimable value in this group.

Committees which have helped in the production of "The Gondoliers" included: COSTUMES AND PROPERTIES: J. Arthur Ouellette, **Chairman Men's Costumes**, Gabrielle Bouvier, **Chairman Girls' Costumes**, Dorothy Gabardi, Camelia Perrotta, Mary Profirio, George Shields, Margaret Brydon, **Costume Mistress**, Eleanor McCall, **Assistant Costume Mistress**. MAKE-UP: May Hosken, **Chairman**, Lois Burke, Lucille Knight, Barbara Melillo, Donald Morriss, J. Arthur Ouellette. TICKET COMMITTEE: Gabrielle Bouvier, **Chairman**, Jessica Allison, Rose Brooks, Miriam D. Cobb, Thomas Connolly, Aletha Elmer, Edith Gould, Hugh Heney, Frances Hennessey, Louis Jeffrey, Helen McDonald, Agnes McGovern, Camelia Perrotta, Roberta D. Polleys, Barbara Singer, Margaret Welsh. USHERS: Evlynne MacMaster, **Chairman**, Catherine Barnes, Sally Butera, Gloria Caldwell, Elizabeth Carlson, Loraine Cowles, Genevieve Daley, Phyllis DiCiaccio, Mary Kelley, Beatrice Lubke, Helen McDonald, Mary M. O'Connell, Mary T. O'Connell, Theresa Wyse. BOX OFFICE: Hugh Heney, Ernest Morin. TICKET TAKERS: Jeanne Devlin, Barbara Fitch.

Lois McCoy

ABOUT FOLKS

Baker Memorial

Miss Mary F. Gardner, Student Attendant Instructor, announces her engagement to Mr. Walter J. Simcoch, a high school teacher in Jaffrey, New Hampshire.

Mrs. Anna Coviello Ruell is back in Baker again. . . . It's nice to see her around.

Miss Marion Butler, R.N. on Baker 9, announces her engagement to Mr. Eugene J. McCue.

Miss Lillian Cardone, Baker 9 R.N., is planning to be married on June 28 to Mr. Joseph A. Kelly, Jr.

Housekeeping Department

Charles Roche, Bulfinch, has been promoted from night porter to foreman. Congratulations, Charles!

A Spiritual Bouquet and the deepest sympathy to Peter Berry on the loss of his son-in-law from his coworkers.

It is good to welcome back Catherine McFeeley, White Building, from her recent illness.

James Tormey, one of our faithful laboratory workers for the past fifteen years, has recently retired. Good Luck James.

Priscilla LaChance, Mr. H. J. Murphy's secretary, has now been with us for 6 months. We like having you with us, Priscilla.

Hugh Heney of the General Appliance Room addressed the Randolph Holbrook Lions Club recently on **Fire Prevention.** He showed a sound film entitled, "Fire in Miniature," published and distributed by the Liberty Mutual Insurance Company of Boston.

Maintenance

Mr. "Roy" Waite of the Paint Shop is preparing to retire in July. Roy has been with the hospital for 20 years. Good Luck Roy from all of us in Maintenance.

Will You Check

There is an accumulation of unclaimed articles in the Moseley Coat Room. You may obtain them by going to the coat room and offering proof of ownership.

Any items which have not been claimed by June 1, 1952, will either be destroyed or donated to a charitable institution.

Carl Dexter of the Carpenter Shop is shown checking one of approximately 8,000 locks that he maintains for the hospital. Carl has been working for the hospital for 19 years.

General Nursing

Miss Mary Haggerty has been accepted by Eastern Air Lines as a stewardess—happy landings!

The female personnel of E. W. and O. N. W. gave a shower for Miss Ruth Baker. All arrangements were made by Miss Harriet Small who also donated her apartment for the evening.

Stewart Pierce, Hospital Aide, took the fatal step last week—best wishes and good luck from all of us.

Diamonds galore and congratulations for: Miss Nancy DiMamatti, R.N., Miss Mary Gardner, R.N., Miss Margaret Kiely, R.N.

Phillips House

News of Spring Brides seem to be most important in the Phillips House.

On Saturday afternoon, April 12, Miss Doris Maney was married to Mr. Roland Doherty in the Church of the Immaculate Conception, Somerville. A reception followed at the Hotel Commander, Cambridge.

Miss Elizabeth Carlson, secretary to Mrs. Braman, has recently made known her engagement to Mr. Theodore Natti of Gloucester. Several "hospital" friends gave her a fine kitchen shower. A May 18th wedding is planned.

On April 16, a shower with many lovely gifts was given Miss Joanne Dionne, whose engagement to Mr. James Smith was announced Easter Sunday. The wedding took place on May 10 in St. Joseph's Church in Boston.

Eye and Ear Infirmary

Mrs. Patricia Huddleston became the new Director of Occupational Therapy at the Infirmary early this spring. Mrs. Huddleston succeeded Miss Louise Hogan who resigned to accept a position at the University of Michigan Hospital, Ann Arbor.

Mrs. Huddleston is a graduate of Western Michigan College of Education in Kalamazoo. Before coming to the Infirmary, she spent several years in private duty service and two years at Perkins Institution working with deaf-blind children. Her work at Perkins provided excellent experience for Occupational Therapy at the Eye and Ear.

Therapy work here is carried on, for the most part, with eye patients, especially with the separated retina group who often are in the hospital from ten to fourteen days. Since these patients must have both their eyes bandaged for a considerable amount of time, any craft work they do has to be carried on by touch alone. The work must be simple and, Mrs. Huddleston feels, should give immediate and quick results. Patients usually begin by making a linked, leather belt which is quickly put together, with a minimum of supervision, yet is very attractive and professional looking when completed.

In addition to craft work for patients with bandaged eyes, Mrs. Huddleston is organizing a rotating "talking book" library which will consist of perhaps four phonograph machines and ten "books." Whole novels have been recorded and a "talking book" library may include a variety of material from detective stories to serious nonfiction. The library is already begun and will be gradually increased during the year.

Mrs. Edythe Harmon, R.N., Mrs. Jennie Perito, R.N. and Mrs. Rose Burke, R.N. have resigned from the Nursing Department. Mrs. Harmon left the Infirmary in late April and Mrs. Perito and Mrs. Burke in early May. Mrs. Harmon first came to the Infirmary in 1946 and was head nurse of the third floor from 1950 until her resignation. Mrs. Perito had worked at the Infirmary since 1948 and, at the time of her resignation, was head nurse of the private floor. Mrs. Burke served as a head nurse in the Eye Operating Room from September 1950 until this May.

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Graduation Time For the Massachusetts General

M.G.H. Bowling Champs

The individual and team winners in the 1951-52 bowling season shown above with their winning trophies presented by Dr. Charles L. Clay. Back row, left to right: Albert Loring, Joseph St. Pierre, Dr. Clay, Ralph Cluff, Salvatore Gasdia. Front row, left to right: Bill Bogiages, George McKinnon, receiving for John Cavallaro, and Louis Jeffrey.

Hospital Credit Group Meets

On May 19 and 20 the New England Hospital Credit Group met in connection with the 31st Annual Conference of Retail Credit Grantors of New England. The conference was held at the New Ocean House in Swampscott, Massachusetts.

The main purpose of the hospital meeting was to hold a credit managers workshop with particular stress on aids and devices to assist credit managers in their work.

In connection with this general program, Frances M. Hernan, credit manager of the Massachusetts General Hospital, took part in a panel discussion with other credit managers including: Milton B. Nelson, New England Deaconess Hospital, and Ethyl Drolet, Norwood Hospital.

National Hospital Day

The Massachusetts General Hospital celebrated National Hospital Day on May 12 by presenting an interesting and amusing tableau in the Moseley Rotunda. Dr. Leonard Laster was the patient and Dr. Robert Berg the Master of Ceremonies.

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Graduation Exercises Are Held For the School of Nursing, Medical Records and Medical Illustration

Graduation Exercises for the Massachusetts General Hospital School of Nursing were held on June 13 at Saunders Theater, Harvard University. Professor Bart J. Bok, Associate Director of Harvard College Observatory, was the speaker.

The M. G. H. School of Nursing was founded in 1873 as The Boston Training School for Nurses. In 1876 the management of the school was transferred from the Board of Directors of the Training School to the Trustees of the Massachusetts General Hospital and was called the Massachusetts General Hospital Training School for Nurses. In 1940 the name was changed to the present Massachusetts General Hospital School of Nursing.

The school has passed its 78th birthday and has graduated over 4,007 nurses, one of the largest groups graduated from any school of nursing in the world. The students come from every part of the United States and Canada and from England, France, Switzerland, Germany, the Philippines, Greece, Italy, Armenia, China, Syria, Czechoslovakia, Poland, Japan, Mexico, Turkey and India. From this varied background graduates serve in every state in the Union and on every continent on the globe.

This year the first student will be graduated from the degree program. In 1945 Radcliffe College joined with the Massachusetts General Hospital School of Nursing to offer a five-year, ten months program leading to a Bachelor of Arts from Radcliffe and a diploma from the School of Nursing. Degree students carry a regular

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What Do You Owe?

It must be a wonderful feeling to look at the family budget and see that all the debts are paid and there's a little left over to sweeten up the pennies in the sugar bowl.

Maybe it's only enough for crepe suzettes on your next night out, but you can look the butcher, the baker and the utility company in the eye 'cause you don't owe anybody. That little extra is yours to do with as you like.

That's what you think, but you were never so wrong in your life!

Right now you owe $1733 for every member of your family. That is your share of the federal debt which today has reached 260 billion dollars. That's an easy figure to say and maybe even the people who are spending it for you don't fully realize how much it is. But if you had it all in $10,000 bills you could pave a path from here to San Francisco.

Perhaps you think you don't care, but you should, for this year, plans are to spend an additional $550 of your money.

And what do you get for your money?

Did you buy a new automobile last year? If you did, what did you get for the $500 federal tax you paid?

What did you get for the 70 cents you paid in federal taxes when you bought that carton of cigarettes last week?

Few of us will walk into a store and spend our money without knowing what we are buying, but even fewer of us really know what we are getting for our tax dollars. Sure, we are getting some defense from our enemies. That we need. But are we getting our money's worth?

Even leaving out the defense spending, the federal government is spending a lot of our money every year and the time has come to ask our representatives to keep the expenses to a minimum — for we could use that money for other things.

(Hancock News Weekly and Reflector)

M.G.H. Offers Evening Courses

On May 5 the Massachusetts General Hospital for the first time started an evening refresher course for registered nurses and an in-service training program for hospital aides. The refresher course will last for four weeks while the training program for hospital aides will continue for nine weeks. The program for each group will include classroom instruction, lectures and supervised ward practice.

By offering these evening courses the Massachusetts General Hospital is trying to adapt nursing to the needs of the community and take advantage of those people who want to put their evening hours to use, thereby benefiting themselves and serving the community.

M.G.H. Night At The Pops

On Tuesday, June 3, the Massachusetts General Hospital held its "Night at the Pops."

Sponsored by the Nurses' Alumni Association, the proceeds from the entertainment will be donated to the Sally Johnson Scholarship Fund.

HOSPITAL

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Dr. Dean A. Clark opened the program with a general welcome and tribute to the fine work done by volunteers. The audience then gleefully accompanied Dr. Laster on his hospital adventure with the skillful aid of the volunteer, nurse, student nurse, resident doctor, dietitian, medical student, resident fellow, visiting staff, consultant, technician, social worker, physical and occupational therapist.

As the ceremony progressed, Mrs. Dorothy Courtney, Head of the Volunteer Service, built an interesting chart to show the breakdown of hospital personnel.

170	Administration
550	Volunteers
1100	Nursing Department
117	House Staff
	25 First Year
	67 Second Year
	14 Third Year
	11 Fourth and Fifth Year
335	Dietary Department
130	Students
206	Research Staff
149	Laboratory Staff
75	X-Ray Department
	15 Doctors
	60 Lay Personnel
320	Visiting Staff
45	Social Service Department
8	Physical Therapy Department
5	Occupational Therapy Department
1046	Others
68	Accounting Department
4324	

Two student attendant nurses demonstrate bedside care at the recent Open House for prospective licensed attendants. Standing from left to right: Verna Glover and Shirley Carmichael. The "patient" is Elfriede Landers.

Send Your Pictures to The World Photographic Contest

Class I "Room for One More" submitted by Camelia Perrotta, Staff Nursing Department, Baker.

GRADUATION

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schedule at Radcliffe during the first year in addition to three hours a week at the hospital. During the first and either the 2nd or 3rd summer there is an eight weeks summer session in the School of Nursing. At the end of four years she will receive her degree from Radcliffe and then work two more for her nursing diploma.

Medical Record Librarians

During the summer ten students will be graduated from the Medical Records School of the Massachusetts General Hospital. We wish them success and happiness in this gratifying career.

With the graduation of this class another milestone will have been passed as the school will be affiliated from now on with Simmons College as a degree course.

In 1917 under the able leadership of Mrs. Grace W. Myers, the first medical records student in the country was trained at this hospital on an apprenticeship basis. Many years later the school developed a formal one-year certificate course approved by the Council on Medical Education and Hospitals of the American Medical Association.

In September, 1952, our first degree students will enter. These students receive three years of a preparatory curriculum at Simmons College and spend the fourth at the hospital where they specialize in Medical Records Administration.

Medical Artists

The graduation exercises of the School of Medical Illustration were held on Friday, June 20, at the Harvard Faculty Club in Cambridge. The certificates were presented by Dr. George Emil Erikson, Professor of Anatomy, and Mrs. Muriel McLatchie Miller, the Director of the school.

A colored movie, which was illustrated for the American Heart Association by two graduates of last year as part of their third year work, was shown through the courtesy of Mr. Charels A. Gates of the American Heart Association. The artists who illustrated the movie are Marion E. Newson, '51, and Robert J. Demarest, '51.

A dinner for the graduates, faculty and guests preceded the exercises.

Class II "Christmas Day" submitted by James F. Lyons, Baker Nursing.

Glass Flowers

The Ware collection of glass flowers at Harvard's University Museum is truly unique. There is nothing like it in the whole world. It was fifty years in the making—the life work of Rudolph and Leopold Blaschka, a father and son from Germany. Over 300,000 persons examine this collection each year, coming often from foreign countries for this express purpose. When you look at this wonderful collection, the last thing you think of is glass — you see only exquisite specimens of beautiful flowers.

Lost and Found

articles are located at the Front Information desk in the Main Lobby of the General.

JUNE BRIDES FROM M. G. H.

Left

Mrs. Charles Huggins, formerly Miss Nancy Tienhaara, was married on June 1. Mrs. Huggins used to be a nurse in the General Operating Room.

Right

Mrs. Joseph A. Lepore, formerly Virginia Houston, is pictured above just before her recent marriage. Mrs. Lepore is doing research for Dr. Allen.

Mrs. John L. Girunas was the former Ida Bruni, surgical nurse on White 3.

Mrs. Louis P. Jeffrey, formerly Dorothy Rowley, was married on May 25. Both she and her husband work in the Pharmacy.

Miss Janet Connolly became Mrs. Charles E. Sylvester on May 31. Mrs. Sylvester was a former nurse on Vincent 3.

SAFETY COMMITTEE DINNER

Standing from left to right in the back row: Mr. Louis Parker, Orderly, G.H., Dr. Leon Lezer, Assistant Director, Mr. Paul Murphy, Housekeeping, Mr. Fred Drew, Orderly, P.H., Mr. Carl Dexter, Maintenance. Seated from left to right in the front row: Mrs. Pauline Abbott, Nurse, Instructor, M.E.E.I., Miss Mary Welch, Hospital Aide, B.M., Mrs. Mina Crowley, Ward Helper, G.H., Miss Pauline Porter, Hospital Aide, G.H., Mrs. Gertrude A. Schade, Staff Clinic, Mrs. Frances Harvey, Dietary.

Dr. Charles L. Clay, Assistant Director, sings robustly at the Safety dinner where he was the official master of ceremonies. George Springer is playing the accordion.

M.G.H. Bowling League Holds Final Banquet

On Monday, May 19, the Massachusetts General Hospital Bowling League held its annual banquet at Blinstrub's Village in South Boston. It was a fitting end for a most successful year.

Dr. Charles L. Clay, Assistant Director, presented the trophies to the deserving winners. The Yankees came through to get the honors for the highest scoring team. They won 71 games and lost 41 and also made the high team single. The King Pins were a close second with 68 wins and 44 losses.

Joseph St. Pierre won the awards for the high single and the high three strings. As a matter of fact, Joe ran off with all the top honors; his average for the year was 101, 7.06 above the next contender, Malcolm McLean. Joe is also a member of the King Pins—the team which ended up a close second.

Top honors also went to Ralph Cluff and Albert Loring for attaining the 2nd high single. Ralph's score was only 8 points behind Joe's. Albert Loring tied with Ralph for honors on the 2nd high single and also received a trophy for 2nd high 3 strings.

Mr. Ernest Morin, official scorer, received a token in recognition for the many hours of work and devotion he has given to the bowling team.

Suggestion Awards

Due to a suggestion by Roxie Nanian, Baker O.R., a bench has been installed outside the Blood Bank.

Eleanor Pitman, head nurse at Phillips House, has received a reward for her suggestion to reserve a table for visitors in the Nurses' Cafeteria.

Make CARE your

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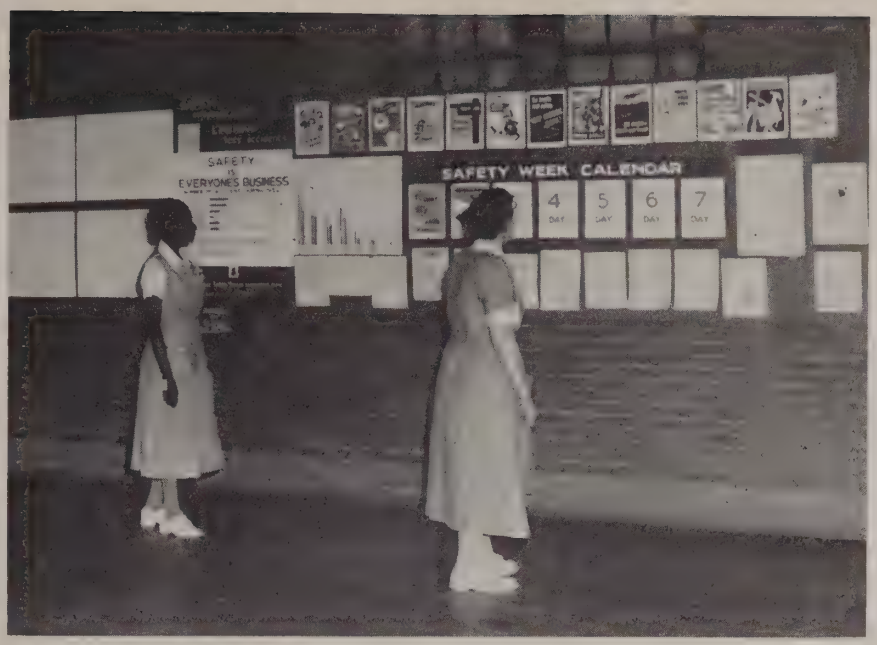
Symbol of SAFETY

THE WORLD will not come out during July and August. We wish you all a happy summer. See you in September.



Two employees look over some of the charts and posters displayed in the Brick Corridor during the Safety Week. From left to right: Mattie Cannon, Hospital Aide in Baker Nursing, and Rose Maynard, Attendant in the Eye and Ear Infirmary.

Announcing the 4 A Club M.G.H. Branch

Next fall there will be a 4 A Club at the M.G.H. The name is an abbreviation for American Amateur Artists Association and is an offshoot of the American Artists Association which is sponsoring such groups all over the country. Its purpose is the encouraging of amateur talent.

The organizing committee includes Mrs. Muriel McLatchie Miller, Chairman, Miss Helen Church, Treasurer, Miss Louise Rathbone, Arts and Crafts, Miss Anna Viden, Properties, Mrs. Lois McCoy, Publicity. It is planned to begin on Thursday, October 2, and meet once a week thereafter. There will be no formal teaching, but various artists, professional and amateur, will be invited to "sit in" from time to time and work with the members.

It is expected that there will be great diversity of interests including those working with oils, water colors, pencil, pastels, charcoal, finger painting. There will be facilities for still life, possibly life work, also interpretative painting from word pictures and from music and reproducing pictures and snapshots.

In the arts and crafts field there will be opportunity for the preparation of Christmas cards, posters or textiles, u s i n g linoleum blocks, sketches or paints. There will be groups working with leather, metal tooling and jewelry making.

Orchids to the M.G.H. Safety Committee

On Monday night, May 26, the Massachusetts General Hospital Safety Committee proudly celebrated the end of Safety Week with a dinner in the supervisor's dining room. Entertainment was provided by three able singers; Tommy Connolly and Sonia Lewchuck, members of the M.G.H. Operetta Company, and Robert Briley from General Nursing. George Springer on the accordion and Dr. Leonard Laster, as the true comedian he is, provided additional cheer. Dr. Charles L. Clay, beautifully attired in his "evening suit," made a most enjoyable master of ceremonies.

The Safety Committee has good reason to be pleased with their most recent accomplishment. In a telegram sent to Henry G. Buckman, executive secretary of the Massachusetts Hospital Association, by George Bugbee, executive director of the American Hospital Association, it was pointed out that the Massachusetts General is the first individual hospital to sponsor such a program.

Safety Week brought great excitement to the Brick Corridor. In addition to the posters and charts displayed, exhibits were set up to show the most prevalent causes of accidents. Films on fire prevention and first aid were also shown. Evidence has already been discovered to prove that both the Safety Committee and the hospital personnel in general have profited by the information dispersed.

ABOUT FOLKS

Eye and Ear Infirmary

Mr. Roscoe Adams, Head of the Housekeeping Department, returned this month from East Lansing, Michigan, where he attended an eight week seminar on Executive Hospital Housekeeping. The course was given at Michigan State College and was sponsored by the American Hospital Association in conjunction with the college.

Mr. Adams attended the course on one of the scholarships given by the Pacific Mills Company. The scholarships were offered on a competitive basis, and Mr. Adams submitted a 500 word theme on "Why I Chose Housekeeping as a Career," including in the paper a review of his Department's work at the Infirmary.

Mr. Adams reported the course was most valuable and stimulating. He felt that discussions among the students showed the Eastern seaboard hospitals were often in the lead in ideas and practices. At the same time, he was able to bring back from the course plans for new projects at the Eye and Ear.

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The Nurses and Employees of the fourth floor joined together in sending a CARE package for general relief in Korea. As a Lenten project, the fourth floor collected a sum of money which they donated to CARE, the organization which sends food and clothing to almost every corner of the globe in need of special relief.

Genevieve Hewes Chase

Those of us who are still with the Medical Records Department since the days of Mrs. Chase have reason to mourn her recent death.

Mrs. Chase reigned supreme in the Record Room of yore from the turn of the century until 1947 when she retired. It was during her time as Record Librarian here that the phonetic system of filing patients name cards and the Unit system of records were installed, the value of which systems has since been recognized by many large hospitals throughout the country.

I wish I was versed enough to pay proper tribute to Mrs. Chase. Those of us who knew her pay her silent tribute. Those who didn't, missed one of life's advantages.

Rose H. Brooks

Mr. Frank Mosses, General Housekeeping, received $10 for his winning Safety Slogan "Make CARE Your Symbol of Safety."

Baker Memorial

It is with deep regret on the part of Baker O.R. personnel to hear of Mrs. James Turner's resignation. Although we feel she has earned a well deserved rest and the traveling she and her husband have planned, she will be deeply missed. During her twenty years of faithful service she has formed many lasting friendships among those with whom she worked.

Miss Frances Cavallo, Head Nurse on Baker 7, was married May 31 to Mr. S. Martinez in New York City at St. Patrick's Cathedral. She sailed to South America, spending several days at Rio de Janeiro and several weeks in Buenos Aires, Argentina. She will return to Boston in September.

Miss Mary Joyce, former Staff Nurse on Baker 9, is now on the same floor as Assistant Head Nurse.

Miss Jeanne Zedsen of Newtonville is engaged to Mr. William C. Scott of Brighton. Mr. Scott is a graduate of Boston University.

Mrs. Jennie DeStaffo is back in Baker O.R. after three years leave of absence.

A bridal shower was given for Miss Helen Gilmore, Head Nurse on Baker 6, on Thursday, May 29.

Miss Theresa Chase, Assistant Head Nurse on Baker 10, is leaving to be married to Mr. Valentinus Zelles. Her co-workers surprised her with a miscellaneous shower on May 27.

Mrs. Lennie, I.V. nurse, was given a baby shower on May 29.

Dietary Tidbits

Miss Ruth Aaness of our staff has resigned to be married and expects to live in Europe where her husband will teach children of members of the American armed forces. Miss Aaness is a graduate of our M.G.H. School of Dietetics and remained with us after graduation as instructor in nutrition and diet therapy.

Mrs. Jane Musgrave of Vincent Burnham has resigned and gone to Europe with her husband. They will remain abroad until September. When they return, Reverend and Mrs. Musgrave will live in Toledo, Ohio.

Mrs. Patricia Dudley of White Building is spending her vacation in West Virginia. Mrs. Dudley's husband, a recent graduate, will intern at the General.

Ida Carlson's son, Frank, recently became the father of a second set of twin sons. Ida, who prepares many of the delicious salads we eat in the cafeteria in the evening, is the happiest of grandmothers.

Dorothy Davock, who spent two summers as vacation relief, was graduated from Notre Dame Academy in Roxbury on June 2. She plans to enter Boston Teachers' College in the fall. Dorothy is already experienced in the teaching of dancing and has entertained us many times with her skillful and graceful dancing.

Charles Vangel, formerly in White Kitchen, is in the Army now attending cook's school at Fort Dix. Charlie pays us a visit now and then.

John Anastos of Baker Kitchen is also away from duty because of illness. We hope that John's recovery will be rapid and complete.

Bernard McArdle of White Kitchen gave away a bride on May 24 at a wedding in Arlington. The bride, of course, was his daughter.

Record Room

Good wishes are extended to Mary Paone (W3A) for the recovery of her mother who is ill.

Joseph (Joe) Sullivan has recently handed in his resignation, a resignation we all knew would eventually come but which we hated to think about. Joe graduates from B.C. this month and has accepted a position with the Government in Washington, D. C., as translator. He majored in foreign languages at B.C. Good luck to you Joe and don't forget to come in and say "hello" when you hit the top.

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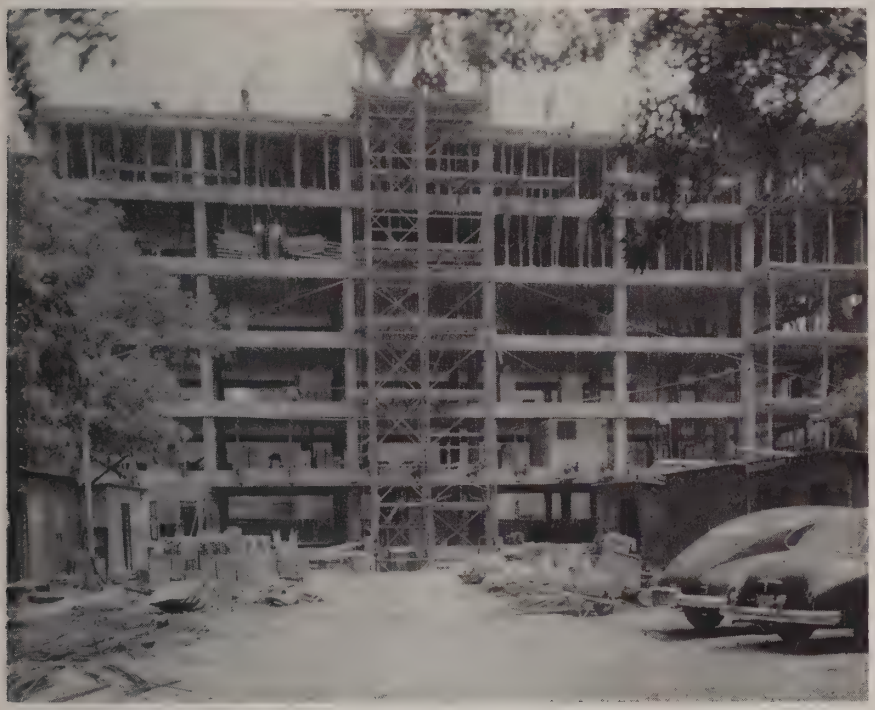
New Nurses' Residence Reaches Sky



Progress steams along on the new Nurses' residence. As of August, 1952, it it looked as if the builders were breaking all records.

Blue Cross - Blue Shield Drive

You've heard about red-letter days, but the rest of the month of September here at Massachusetts General will be a series of blue-letter days.

From now until September 30 our Blue Cross-Blue Shield group will have its annual reopening.

This means that if you are an "old" Massachusetts General employee during this period—and during this period only—you can join Blue Cross, Blue Shield, or both. (New employees automatically have this opportunity soon after they're hired.)

During the reopening, if you are already a member of our Blue Cross-Blue Shield group, you can improve your protection by taking a Blue Cross supplement entitling you to additional hospital room and board allowances, by adding Blue Shield to cover surgical - medical fees, or by

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American Amateur Artist Association

Join the M.G.H. branch of the American Amateur Artist Association and learn a useful and enjoyable hobby. The group will meet at 7 p.m. on October 9 in the Doctors' Cafeteria and every Thursday thereafter. All members of the M.G.H. staff, students, nurses, doctors and their friends and ambulatory patients are invited to join the group.

A fee of $.25 will be charged per person each evening for the first three evenings after which a ticket will be sold for five evenings for $1.00. Members are asked to bring the materials they will need with them. If there are any questions as to the type of things required for specific work, contact Miss Viden in the General Nursing Office. Among the activities enjoyed will be oil paints, water color, pencil

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MISS SLEEPER HEADS NEW ORGANIZATION

Miss Ruth Sleeper, Director of the School of Nursing and Nursing Service, has been elected president of the newly created National League for Nursing. Merged under the constitution of this new organization are the former National League of Nursing Education, the National Organization of Public Health Nursing, the Association of Collegiate Schools of Nursing and members of the former Colored Graduate Nurses' Association.

Through this new effort of concentration the League feels it can bring more cooperation between nurses, communicate effective ideas to the public, both nationally and in the states, avoid duplication, achieve better cooperation with the public, study the individual nursing needs of smaller communities, and give special attention to the problems of public health, psychiatric and tuberculous patients. The league has set up its Board of Directors with these points in view. Of the 24 members of the Board, 6 are not nurses and the 7th is a hospital administrator.

Of the six various groups that have been concerned with these problems in the past, only three remain. The American Nurses' Association, interested primarily in the welfare of the individual nurse as well as the establishment of standards of nursing practice will remain a separate organization. It is hoped that the American Association of Industrial Nurses will join the league later.

The three state branches of the organizations making up the National League of Nurses will meet in Worcester, Massachusetts on October 6, 7, and 8 for further planning.

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Little Things

The attitude of hospital personnel toward patients is important for the welfare of the patient and for the reputation of the hospital.

Time was when the patient's welfare was entirely the responsibility of the doctor and the nurse. It has been said many times that the recovery of the patient was due to the nursing care given. Now that nursing care is divided between two or more people the patient is subject to many psychological factors.

It is, therefore, of vital importance that all who come in contact with the patient should have a proper attitude. This attitude should include tactfulness, understanding, compassion, patience and frequent reassuring words.

The mental and to some extent the physical attitude of patients is to a degree the consequence of certain influences, such as the dread of strange examinations, the fear of cancer, the fear of long illness and death. These fears alter the patient's response to ordinary situations. A normally composed person can be transformed into a sleepless, irritable, nervous and difficult patient.

Vigilance in the proper employee and patient relationship will have a twofold significance. It adds to the therapy the patient is receiving. It will also pay rich dividends in the reputation of each individual and of the entire hospital.

New Employee Booklet

Have you received your new GREEN — not Red-BOOK — dated July, 1952? Make sure you have your copy within easy reach.

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sketching, pastels, charcoal, finger painting and linoleum cuts.

Instructors and formal training in any of the techniques will not be available. It is hoped that artists of some ability will be available to give aid and suggestions.

Although the group will not start formally until 7 p.m., the dining room will be open for anyone who wishes to begin to work early. Come on October 9 and join in the fun!

House Staff Club Rooms

On May 28 the Penthouse on the top floor of the White Building was turned over by the administration to the members of the House Staff for their use as club rooms. The decorating and furnishing of these rooms was undertaken by the wives of the doctors on the staff of the M.G.H.

The Boston Museum of Fine Arts has generously loaned the hospital six pictures for these rooms, and Dr. James Howard Means and Dr. Fritz B. Talbot have each given one of their original water colors for the further decoration of the club rooms of the House Staff.

Many members of the M.G.H. family helped immeasurably to create these quarters for our House Staff's use and enjoyment.

M.G.H. Bowling League

At a recent meeting of the Massachusetts General Hospital Bowling League new officers were elected for the 1952-1953 season:

President, Salvator Gasdia, Pharmacy
Vice-Preident, Michael Giggi, Electrical shop
Secretary, Louis Jeffrey, Pharmacy
Treasurer, John Mendes, Accounting
Asst. Treasurer, Joseph Inferrara, Accounting
Rules Committee, Joseph St. Pierre, Nursing; Malcolm McLean, Electrical Shop; Dominick Cervizzi, Pharmacy

At the same meeting, several new rules were adopted and the foundation was established for a permanent organization.

The members voted to change the bowling evening from Friday to Thursday and selected the Bond Alleys.

At present, plans for a department type formation of teams has been suggested. This idea has met with favorable response and appears to be the system that the league is going to follow.

From all indications this is all leading to the most successful and interesting season in the three year old history of the Massachusetts General Hospital Bowling League.

The Dietetic Interns in the July group are pictured above: Seated in the back row from left to right: Eleanor A. Carey from Cornell University, Marion L. Prowler from New York University, Louise H. Laemmrich from the College of St. Teresa and Patricia A. Heath from the University of Rhode Island. In the front row, left to right: Elizabeth S. Davis from the University of Colorado, Patricia A. Hedges from DePauw University and Yvonne D. Berce from the New Jersey College for Women.

Send Your Pictures to World Photographic Contest

Class I "Route 201" submitted by John Hague from the Upper Store.

BLUE SHIELD

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changing from Blue Shield Plan A to Blue Shield Plan B if Plan B better fits your income.

All new memberships and changes in present memberships become effective November 10, 1952.

In your pay envelope next week you will receive a folder describing Blue Cross and Blue Shield plans and benefits and giving monthly subscription rates. Also in the envelope will be a white Blue Cross-Blue Shield application and a yellow adjustment card.

Use the white application if you wish to join our Blue Cross-Blue Shield group. Use the yellow adjustment card if you are already a member and wish to change your membership in any way.

All cards must be turned in to Miss Kelley of Personnel no later than September 30. This is important, for cards will not be accepted after that date. Miss Kelley is also available if you wish further information about Blue Cross and Blue Shield.

In addition, Mr. Frantz L. Warner, the Blue Cross-Blue Shield representative who looks after the Massachusetts General group, will be in the main lobby of the White Building Tuesday, September 23 and Wednesday, September 24 between 8:30 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. to answer any Blue Cross-Blue Shield questions you may have.

In the past, reopenings of our Massachusetts General Blue Cross-Blue Shield group have been held every six months. Hereafter they will be held only once a year. Unless you take advantage of this reopening you will have to wait at least twelve months for another opportunity.

University Extension Courses

The brain experts tell us the brain is capable of much more exercise than most people give it. Why let it idle at slow speed when it would welcome a shift to higher gear?

The fall pamphlet of the Massachusetts Department of Education may have just the subject you have long wanted to study. For full information contact the Division of Universities, 200 Newbury Street, Boston, Massachusetts. Tel. KE 6-4670.

Courses average from $3.00 up and evening classes begin after Labor Day.

Suggestion Award

Miss Ruth Holden, floor secretary in General Nursing, has received $2.00 for her suggestion to have "Blood Bank" printed on the back of the sign at the door of the Domestic Building for the benefit of people coming from the Bulfinch Building.

PHARMACY

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acy comprises offices, receiving department, dispensing area for the Baker, General, and Eye and Ear Infirmary, manufacturing area, sterile preparations area, research and control laboratory, storage area and O.P.D. dispensing. The entire Pharmacy is sectionalized and every item is alphabetically indexed as to section location. This makes it possible for any item required to be readily located. This is an invaluable aid to new personnel. In the event of a disaster and in the absence of pharmacists, it would make any needed supplies quickly available to nurses or doctors.

The Massachusetts General Hospital Pharmacy was established in 1821, the same year that the hospital opened its doors to the first patients. It was located on the first floor of the Bulfinch Building just inside of the center entrance directly opposite the office of the Resident Physician. It was moved during 1877 to the west corner of the Bulfinch Building in the space now occupied by the Thyroid Laboratory. In 1901, the Pharmacy was located in the then new Domestic Building in the area now used by the Blood Bank. In 1948 it was moved to its present location in the Vincent-Burnham Building.

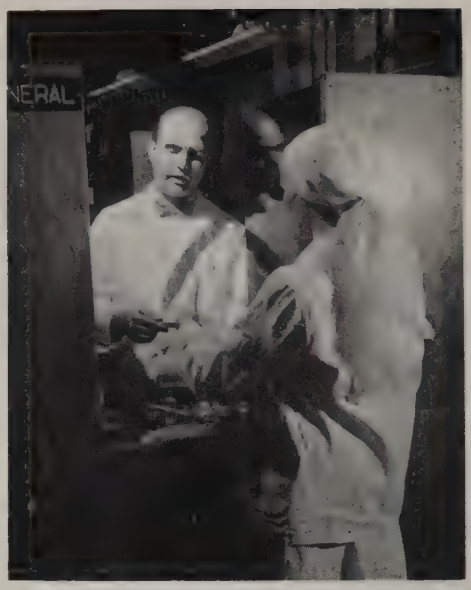
Miss Nesbit Receives Honor

Miss Mary Nesbit, chief physical therapist of the Massachusetts General Hospital has been elected vice-president of the American Physical Therapy Association. Miss Nesbit, has been with the Massachusetts General Hospital since 1940.

Class II "Ausable Chasm" submitted by Eleanor Whitney, private duty nurse on Baker 6.

M. G. H. PHARMACY

Mr. John T. Murphy, head of the Pharmacy, directs operations from his desk in Vincent-Burnham.



Vincent Cervizzi dispensing supplies to one of the nurses.

Charles Cummings counts and weighs the pills before they are bottled.

Mrs. Shirley Lederman works in the laboratory on one of the numerous tests done in the pharmacy.

The two interns from the Massachusetts College of Pharmacy, Joseph Moloney and Liliane Safford, are shown above working on a project in the hospital pharmacy.

From left to right: Howard Loring, Mrs. Christine Lane and Mrs. Helen Hunnefield conduct tests in the solution room.

Mrs. Lillian Spongberg is shown above removing materials from one of the stock drawers.

New Teaching Program In M.G.H. Pharmacy

Our Pharmacy has added one more teaching program to the nine of various kinds already in operation in the hospital. This is a training program designed specifically for pharmacists intending to go into hospital work. It is conducted in cooperation with the Massachusetts College of Pharmacy. The internship is for two years, the time being somewhat equally divided between didactic instructions at the college and practical training at the hospital. In addition to acquiring experience in the Pharmacy, these interns will observe operations of several other hospital departments with a view of gaining an understanding of the problems of these departments as they relate to the Pharmacy. As a partial requirement for graduation the interns must complete for publication an original piece of research in the hospital Pharmacy. Upon satisfactory completion of these internships, interns will be awarded the Master of Science Degree in Pharmacy by the Massachusetts College of Pharmacy and diplomas from the Massachusetts General Hospital.

The Pharmacy has a staff of 40 people, 20 of whom are pharmacists. In addition to this, the Surgical Instrument Shop, in charge of Mr. Carl Althausen, is under the supervision of the Pharmacist-In-Chief.

How many people who work here realize that our Pharmacy is one of the largest and best-equipped hospital pharmacies in the world. Operating on an annual budget of nearly a million dollars, it is a specialized procurement and supply department for the entire hospital, purchasing all drugs, chemicals, laboratory supplies, surgical instruments and various medical supplies, such as sutures, syringes, needles, catheters and so on.

It is also a well-equipped pharmaceautical manufacturing laboratory. Manufacturing activities include the making and tubing of several tons of ointments and related preparations, the filling of several millions of capsules with various formulations, the manufacture and sterilization of several hundreds of thousands of doses of various medicines intended for injection, the processing and bottling of thousands of gallons of lotions, solutions, syrups. All preparations manufactured in the Pharmacy are subjected to analytical procedures to ensure correctness of manufacture. These manufacturing controls are conducted in the research and control laboratory in the Pharmacy.

The physical layout of the Pharm-

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M. G. H. Lay Personnel in the Armed Services

General Nursing

Marion Belbin ..... Army
John Driscoll ..... Army
Joseph Giarraputo ..... Navy
William Hirsh ..... Navy
John Kellington ..... Army
Mildred Kennedy ..... Marines
Robert McFarland ..... Navy

Emergency Ward

Donald Hogan ..... Army

Chemistry Laboratory

Richard Bowler ..... Army
Frederick Burns ..... Navy
Richard Sherlock ..... Navy

M.G.H. Information

Ronald Warren ..... Air Force

General and Baker Housekeeping

Earl Green ..... Army
Raymond Johnson ..... Navy
William Kenner ..... Navy
Charles Mackin ..... Navy
Alphonse Maheux ..... Navy
John Naughton ..... Air Force
Gemes Vaughan ..... Army

Physical Therapy

Priscilla Bartlett ..... Navy

General Dietary

Vincent Alisouskas ..... Air Force
Vincent Blanco ..... Navy
Irving Brown ..... National Guard
Francois Dostaler ..... Army
John Fraser ..... Air Force
Walter Holman ..... Air Force
Bryon Hoy ..... Merchant Marine
Ernest Kahn ..... Army
John Lull ..... Navy
Leonard Marino ..... Army
Alexander Michaels ..... Air Force
Jerry Murphy ..... Navy
Frederick Naley ..... Navy
Joseph O'Gonosky ..... Army
Norman Ridley ..... Navy
Arthur Roust ..... Marines
Edgar Thuot ..... Army
Charles Vangel ..... Army
John Walsh ..... Army

Maintenance

James DeLaria ..... Air Force
William McManus ..... Navy

Pharmacy

Edmund Ciancarulo ..... Army
W. Sterling Moore ..... Army

Accounting

Michael Dzedovetz ..... Army
Bernard Grodzen ..... Army

Record Room

Richard Snyder ..... Air Force

General X-Ray

William Johnson ..... Navy
Stanley Norkin ..... Army

Administrative Assistant

Frank Wooley Jr. ..... Air Force

Baker Nursing

David Adkins ..... Navy
Edwin Beaulieu ..... Air Force
James Connors ..... Navy
LeRoy English ..... Merchant Marine
Alfred Fortin ..... Navy
Clarence Garber ..... Navy
Thomas Kilbride ..... Navy
Jack Nyman ..... Navy
Benjamin Parsons ..... Navy
Americo Salerno ..... Army

Baker Information

John McInerney ..... Army

Baker X-Ray

John Mabey ..... Army

Baker Dietary

Henry Gatto ..... Army
Gilbert Hyatt ..... Army
William Kavin ..... Army
John McDonnell ..... Navy
Alvah Mitchem ..... Navy
Samuel Payne ..... Army
Henry Walter ..... Army

Phillips House

Noreene Leahy ..... Air Force

Storrow House

Francis Healy ..... Air Force

Eye and Ear Infirmary

Rodney Chishlom ..... Air Force
Edwin Costa ..... Navy
Charles Evans ..... Air Force
Richard Findlay ..... Air Force
William Franklin ..... Navy
Muriel Green ..... Army
Theodore Hodgdon ..... Marines
Joseph Katkin ..... Marines
Albert Loring ..... Army
William Mannion ..... Marines
Gerald Maloney ..... Navy
Walter Mills ..... Army
Mary Ricci ..... Air Force
William Swensen ..... Army
James Weatherhead ..... Army
Francis Welch ..... Air Force

Credit Where Credit Is Due

Recently there was an urgent need for a special board to be cut for a polio crib on White 12. The carpenter shop was called and had the board ready and waiting when a messenger arrived only minutes later to pick it up. This is characteristic of the splendid co-operation which we always receive from the Maintenance Department.

ABOUT FOLKS

Dietary Tidbits

Mrs. Aarm Fleischer, a new member of our staff, is really an old friend. She was Miss Lois Bloom, an M.G.H. Dietetic Intern, until last July when she graduated with her class. The lovely wedding that changed her name to Fleischer took place in Brookline, also in July.

Harriet Thomas of White Kitchen visited, believe it or not, Dr. Harriet Thomas in Washington, D.C., while she was on vacation. Harriet says that she really enjoyed herself. Among other things she called at the Indian Embassy and also saw the newly decorated interior of the White House.

Warren "Irving" Brown, who left M.G.H. to serve Uncle Sam as Sargent Brown in Wisconsin and later in Germany, has been mustered out and, quite naturally, came back to our department for a while.

This summer has been filled with anxiety for Elmira DeRosa of Baker. Her father and mother have both been ill. We are happy to report that they are better now and so Elmira is happier.

Some other folks who have been ill but all better now are John Anastos, Charles Coder, Georgio DeSimone, Mildred Smith, and William Lewis. They are all back on duty; we are glad they have recovered and are happy to see them.

Personnel

Mrs. Jeanne Devlin, interviewer, left the hospital and Massachusetts in June. Her husband is now working in Kansas as a psychiatric social worker. We all miss her, but are glad to welcome Mrs. Genevieve Daley in her place.

General Nursing

Mr. James Kilcoyne, Chief of the General Appliance Room, is enjoying a four month tour of England, Ireland, Scotland and Wales.

The Nursing Department welcomes the following male hospital aides: Mr. H. Campbell, White 11, Mr. H. Powell, White 10, Mr. G. L. Buxton, Mr. E. W. Raynor and Mr. M. J. Masenburg, White 6, Mr. B. J. Taylor, Overnight Ward, Mr. C. Giacalone and Mr. G. A. Ghika, Operating Room, Mr. D. A. Muldowney, Emergency Ward and Mr. C. C. Wu, Nursing Auxiliary Service.

Mr. Leon McLean is substituting in the General Appliance Room during the vacation period.

Pharmacy

The Pharmacy wishes to welcome into its fold; Liliane Safford, Thelma Lezberg, Joseph Moloney, Margaret Gretz, Russell Gasdia and Thomas Smith.

Mrs. Christine Lane has returned from her vacation where she had a quiet but hot rest.

Mr. Salvatore Gasdia and his wife spent their two weeks touring New England and Canada.

This month its back to the Massachusetts College of Pharmacy for Louis Jeffrey, Margaret Gretz, Peter Antonino and Russell Gasdia.

Mr. Charles Joyce spent his vacation travelling to New York and New Hampshire with his wife.

Mrs. Helen E. Hunnefield plans on staying down on the Cape and going to New York.

Mr. Ralph Tucci and Mr. Robert Ciampa spent their vacations on different parts of the Cape.

We are glad to have Barney Petkum, Shirley Lederman and Charles Cummings back with us after extended illnesses.

Phillips House

On the first of July the Phillips House suffered a great loss. Three nurses, each one of whom has given over thirty years of faithful service, retired to enjoy a well-earned period of leisure. They are Miss Florence Kuhn and Miss Mary Loomis, supervisors, and Miss Catherine Carleton, head-nurse on the fifth floor. A delightful party was given in their honor where they received many attractive gifts as well as the good wishes of their many friends.

Vacationers are beginning to return. Mrs. Helen Crockett and Mrs. Janet Hersey came back from a pleasant motor trip to West Virginia.

Miss Helen Pitman reports a rewarding trip to North Carolina.

Our ward helpers were busy enjoying themselves. Louise Ionnelli went to Hyannis, and Shirley Panchy to Maine.

Housekeeping

We welcome our two new foremen: Mr. John Roche in the White Building and Mr. Ed Stevens in Bulfinch.

Recent changes in the department staff: Mr. W. J. McNair, Superintendent of Housekeeping; Mr. Robert May, Supervisor of Whtie Building; Mr. Vincent Caggiano, Supervisor of Baker.

Accounting

Things have really been happening. Wedding bells have been ringing steadily for the last two months.

Miss Zita Jean Cumming, whom we all know well, was given a Bridal Shower by her friends on Baker 2. She was married at St. Mary's of the Annunciation Church in Cambridge on May 3. Mr. and Mrs. Guy Thomas Murgo spent their honeymoon in Colorado and visited the traditional Niagara Falls.

Mr. John Mendes married Miss Beatrice Antonelli, a former employee of the Accounting department, in St. Mary's Church in Dedham on June 8. They spent their honeymoon in the delightful atmosphere of the New Hampshire mountains.

Miss Audrey McDonald of Accounts Payable became Mrs. Everett Merlin on June 28 at St. Paul's Church in Dorchester. The Merlins honeymooned in Bermuda.

Our congratulations also to Robert Forbes of Tabulating who became the proud father of a baby girl on July 19.

We bestow our deepest sympathy to Mrs. Olive Slauenwhite, O.P.D. cashier, on the loss of her beloved father and to Rose and Margaret McFarlan on the loss of their father and uncle.

Medical Records

Another Department Head brings her laurels to the Massachusetts General Hospital. On August 11, Miss E. Lousie Seymour, R.R.L., Chief Record Librarian, flew to London, England, to take part in the first International Congress of the American Association of Medical Record Librarians. Miss Seymour, long recognized as outstanding in her field, will talk on Methods of Filing Hospital Records. Miss Rose Martin, R.R.L., is Acting Chief in Miss Seymour's absence.

Print Shop

Ralph Cluff became a proud papa for the third time on July 8. Roger Harris Cluff, the new addition, has two brothers.

A HINT

Now that your vacation is over why not start to prepare for your 1953 vacation by joining the M.G.H. Credit Union? You'll be surprised to see how a two dollar deduction from your weekly check mounts up. It will bring you a saving of $100 in a year! Why not ask for an application NOW?

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Red Feather Campaign Opens

Mrs. McCoy Retires from Hospital

Dr. Dean A. Clark Greets Mrs. Lois D. McCoy

Mrs. Lois D. McCoy, former Personnel Director, retired from the hospital last month. Members of the staff honored her at a party in the Doctors' Dining Room on Thursday, September 25.

Mrs. McCoy had been with the hospital since 1941. At that time she started the Personnel Department.

Edmund R. Mattos, Assistant Director, will be in charge of Personnel until such time as a Personnel Director is appointed.

Clinical Pastoral Training

Clinical Pastoral Training for seminary students and clergymen is one of the many educational programs which are carried on at the Massachusetts General Hospital. This training for ministers was introduced at the hospital just 20 years ago by Dr. Richard C. Cabot, a staff physician, and Rev. Russell L. Dicks, the Protestant Chaplain.

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Blue Cross Celebrates Its Fifteenth Anniversary

September is Anniversary Month for Massachusetts Blue Cross and this year—1952—marks the fifteenth anniversary of the Bay State's nonprofit plan for hospital care.

The prepayment plan upon which the present Blue Cross is based, although limited to one participating hospital, was developed by the school teachers of Dallas, Texas, in cooperation with the Baylor University Hospital in 1929.

Here in Massachusetts, in 1936, eight foresighted Massachusetts men went to work. These eight social-minded men were: The Rt. Rev. Robert P. Barry, J. Harper Blaisdell, M.D., Channing Frothingham, M.D., Louis E. Irstein, Horace Morison, Ingersoll Bowditch, Massachusetts General's own Nathaniel W. Faxon, M.D., and George Putnam.

Finally the groundwork was completed. On January 19, 1937, the Agreement of Association was drawn up and filed at the office of Henry F. Long, Commissioner of Corporations and Taxation.

On August 20, 1937, the agreement between Massachusetts General Hospital and Blue Cross was signed making MGH a pioneer in the state among participating member hospitals. One of the first groups enrolled in Blue Cross was formed among the employees of Massachusetts General Hospital.

According to the usual economic conventions, the Blue Cross could hardly have picked a worse year to start than in 1937, the great "Recession" year. It has been suggested facetiously that it was too inexperienced an enterprise to know it was supposed to fail, so it went blindly ahead and succeeded anyway! A better suggestion is that it was the right solution at the right time to a deeply appreciated need.

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The 1953 Red Feather Campaign Calls For Stronger Support

A goal of $7, 283,000—the largest since World War II—has been set for the 1953 United Red Feather Campaign of Metropolitan Boston. This is $857,000 more than was raised last year.

Inflation and our mounting population, coupled with such growing social problems as juvenile delinquency, care of the aging, family breakups, and off-duty needs of our youthful servicemen are contributing factors to this increase, Campaign Chairman Augustin H. Parker, Jr. reveals.

As in the past, the goal was recommended by a budget committee of community leaders after a detailed study of the basic needs of the 300 local health and welfare services and the USO, all of which benefit from the drive. And this year, for the first time, it was also approved by a special advisory finance committee, comprising presidents of 32 leading Metropolitan Boston firms.

Chairman Parker asks the full support of every citizen in the community for this annual appeal, which makes possible help and hope for more than half a million men, women and children of Greater Boston.

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THE POWER OF YOUR VOTE

The National Conventions have come and gone, and the Primaries have told their story. We are now in the interim period of speeches, articles and political rallies, pro and con for the various candidates.

Before we vote in November, we will make important decisions based on what we see and hear and on what we know of the proven histories of the men whose names will appear on the ballot.

We don't care **how** you vote. We care mightily **that** you vote. Each man and woman who is a citizen of the United States and is more than 21 years of age has an individual responsibility in the coming election. The right and freedom to vote are cherished American birthrights.

The Democrats and Republicans disagree on many issues. They provide a two-party system planned to keep all concerned on their political toes. The big issue on which each party agrees is the importance of voting in this election, which is, perhaps, the most important in history.

In the last presidential election only 52 per cent of the adult eligible voters exercised their voting privilege. Yet, in this country every single vote might be the deciding one, for every single vote counts.

A single vote, yours or mine, has the potential power to shape the future course of the nation or even civilization itself.

FOUND!

A twenty-year M.G.H. Service Pin. It can be reclaimed in the Personnel Office.

RED FEATHER CAMPAIGN

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"One out of every three persons need and use Red Feather Services," he says, quoting this year's service campaign slogan. Based on detailed studies of agency records, this slogan has been proven time and time again in local factories, offices and shops.

The campaign chairman underscores that good times do not automatically banish social ills. "Indeed, the high cost of living accompanying today's prosperity is adding to the burdens of many of our citizens. It especially affects the sick, the old people and others on fixed incomes, families with small children, and the young people left to fend for themselves while both parents work to make ends meet."

Inflation is the number one cause behind this year's higher goal, Mr. Parker stresses. Like everyone else, the Red Feather services are plagued with spiraling costs of food, clothing, rent, fuel and every other item on their budgets.

"Giving to Red Feather services has not kept pace with the trend," he asserts. "Although we raised much more last year than in 1939, for example, we actually gave far less, in terms of what those dollars will buy."

Another big reason for asking more this year, he points out, is our growing population. The population of the 588-square mile area served by the Red Feather services has been steadily increasing. The latest census shows 155,046 persons more than the 1940 tally. And, significantly, this increase is greatest in the two age groups most likely to need Red Feather help—the very young and the very old. (Boston has more old people for its size than any big city in the country, and Massachusetts has 452,000 persons over 65.)

He also points out that the coming year will find local Red Feather services facing major social problems: (1) an alarming increase in juvenile delinquency; (2) the housing, employment, leisure-time, and mental and physical health needs of our expanding population; and (3) the added family difficulties and breakups attending today's insecurity and tensions. In addition, the USO must be prepared to provide more off-duty activities and help, geared to younger and often more bewildered and emotionally upset servicemen than those to whom it gave "a home away from home" during World War II.

On October 27, 1952, the Massachusetts General Hospital will officially open its Red Feather Campaign. The office will be in its usual location opposite the Admitting Office. Every employee should seriously consider his responsibility to this community effort. Pledges will be accepted and easy payroll deductions offered. Consult your department captain as to the most convenient way for you to make your contribution.

This year a Red Feather Girl will be elected to represent the hospital at the final grand rally. Each pledge card represents a vote for your favorite candidate. She is to be chosen on the bases of civic mindness, poise, personality, appearance, and popularity. Each pledge card represents a vote for your favorite candidate.

The following are candidates for "Miss Red Feather:"

Joan Brunjes	Student Nurse
Catherine Barnes	General Admin.
Elizabeth Black	Pathology
Nancy Brayton	Brain Wave Lab.
Joan Corbett	Baker Info.
Mary Gardner	Baker Nursing
Patricia Gorman	Dietary
Beverly Hinkleman	Cardiovasc. Lab.
Dorothy Jeffrey, Mrs.	Pharmacy
Helen McDonald	Accounting
Diane K. Palady	Endoscopy
Laura Pechelis	Record Room
Ina Peterson	Allergy
Jeanne Russell	Chem. Lab.
Ernestine Skoog	General Nurs.

Watch the Brick Corridor for pictures of the candidates.

YOU GIVE—

but where does the money go?
Here is what your dollars do:
They provide wholesome recreation for youth
They give hope to the handicapped
They furnish nursing care for suffering people
They help with problems of troubled families.
They offer love and attention to "daytime orphans"
They march beside our Armed Forces

Support the 1953 United Red Feather Campaign. One out of three in Metropolitan Boston need and use Red Feather!

Send Your Pictures to World Photographic Contest

Class II. "Little Leaguers in Action." Leslie S. McAfee, General Nursing.

Bowling League

Well, folks, here we are back again this month reporting on our progressive bowling league. The season has started to roll again and after the third week of playing we find the Maintenance Team of Gray, Tobin, Muolla, Giggi and McLean out in front with the Plumbing Team of Kwitkor, Healy, Cavallaro, McKinnon and Nichols close behind. The teams this season are evenly balanced and all are bunched for the last six positions.

So far we find the defending Yankees well down in the second division, but with the season still young they have not given up hope of capturing a third straight pennant.

It is difficult to single out individuals who have done a fine job so far because each has contributed his utmost to the team's success. But Joe St. Pierre, as usual, has shown fine form. George McKinnon also has done very well leading the Plumbing into second place and Russ Gasdia has done his best to keep the Yankees out of the cellar.

So far this year the season has been successful due to the efforts of President Salvatore Gasdia and the members of his committees.

LOUIS JEFFREY

Suggestion Awards

Do you know that the hospital is anxious to hear your ideas on means of improving procedures and policies? If you have a thought which you think would be advantageous to the hospital, drop it in one of the suggestion boxes. They are located by the bulletin boards in the Phillips House, Baker, Moseley Coat Room, the Post Office and the Out-Patient Department. All suggestions are reviewed by the department head concerned to estimate their usefulness. Be sure to sign your name and department to all suggestions you turn in so that you will receive the proper recognition if they are accepted. Two employees have received recognition this month:

Mr. William Allen, R.N., has received $2.50 for his suggestion in regard to the Civilian Defense Identification Cards. He suggested that temporary cards be issued immediately upon employment to allow for the delay in processing the permanent ones.

Mrs. Roxie Nanian, Baker Nursing, has received $10 for her idea to put the used hypodermic needles in containers of water with a piece of gauze at the bottom. It has been found that this process cuts down the casualty rate of needles.

BLUE CROSS

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The first Blue Cross patient was hospitalized at Phillips House—another "first" for Massachusetts General Hospital in Blue Cross' history.

On December 1, 1937 — less than three months after Blue Cross had opened its doors—the membership in Massachusetts had reached the 10,000 mark. Now in its fifteenth year, its membership in this state is 1,957,781 and is the third largest among eighty-one plans in the United States.

The first Blue Cross branch office was opened in 1938—in New Bedford. Today there are branch offices in Brockton, Lawrence, New Bedford, Pittsfield, Springfield and Worcester. Each branch office is "Blue Cross" in its particular area—each office works with the hospitals in its locality and acts as a clearinghouse for Blue Cross problems of all kinds.

When Blue Cross paid its first hospital bill for a member in Australia in 1943, this completed its recognition on all six of the inhabited continents. More recently, Blue Cross has paid hospital bills in Lebanon, Paris, Denmark, Tel Aviv, Bagdad . . . as well as for emergency cases at sea aboard the S. S. America, Italia and Liberte.

In June, 1942, Blue Shield came into being. Like Blue Cross, it is a nonprofit organization. An agreement was signed between Blue Cross and Blue Shield to share office space and to cooperate wherever similar operations made it practical for the same personnel to handle both. In the years up through the present, although the plans have remained distinctly separate organizations, this sharing f facilities has brought considerable economies and more efficient operation to both plans.

Make CARE your

252

accidents to date 1952

Symbol of SAFETY

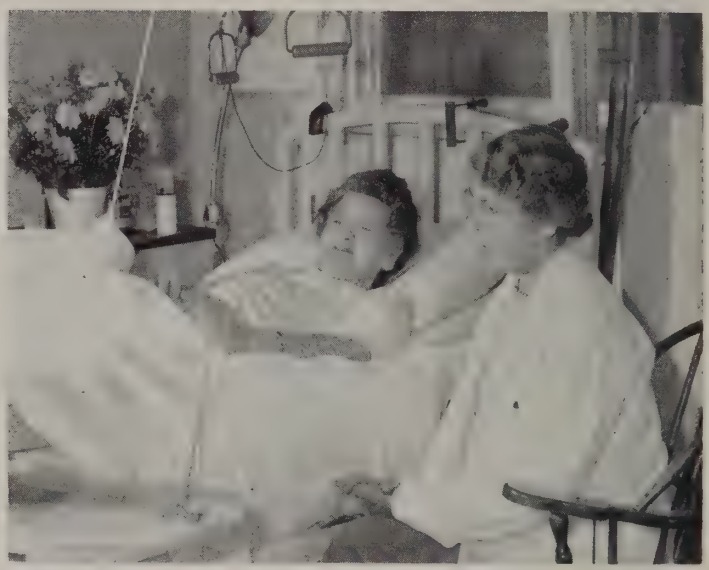
"You're only young once, but if you work it right, once is enough."

AROUND THE HOSPITAL WITH SOCIAL SERVICE

EMERGENCY WARD Mrs. Ruth Abrams talks with the doctor and family regarding one of the patients.

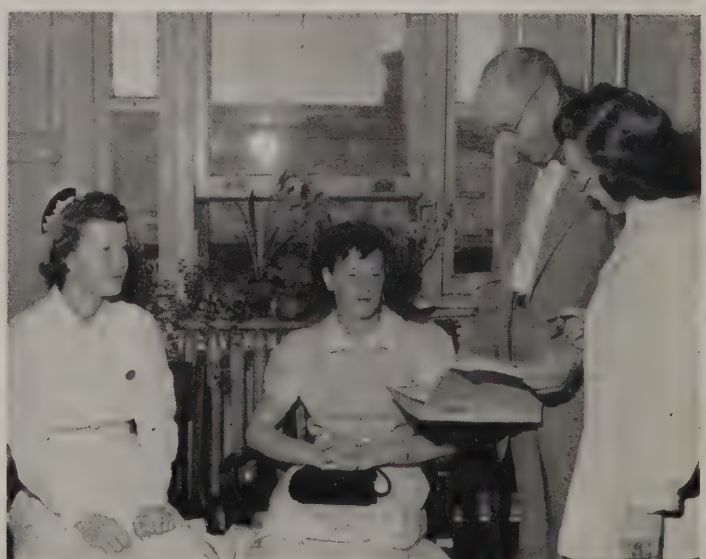
PEDIATRICS Mrs. Janet Grant Phillips with one of the children.

MOSELEY ROTUNDA Miss Miriam Tom, standing, talks with Dr. C. E. Huggins and one of the patient's relatives.



ORTHOPEDIC WARD Mrs. Hazel Fritz confers with one of her patients.

WARD CONFERENCE The medical-social team shown above in one of the ward conferences.



STAFF CLINIC Dr. Perry J. Culver, Miss Bloom, Mrs. Rayhorn and the patient talk over plans.

Social Service Department

The Social Service Department has a staff of 30 professionally educated and experienced workers serving in every section of the hospital, including Baker Memorial and Phillips House. The expanding functions of the department show concrete evidence of the continuing awareness and understanding of the social and environmental aspects of illness and the utilization of the "social laboratory" in all three functions of the hospital—care of patients, teaching and research.

Care of Patients

In 1951, 9,559 patients were given service. Many of the patients were facing chronic illness and were aided in working out plans of work rehabilitation and living. To help the department carry out this primal function of the hospital, the conference method has been developed as a means of review and referral, the sharing of information and the making of suitable treatment plans. These "medical-social conferences" are attended by the visiting Physician once a week on each medical ward. The conferences are conducted by the Assistant Resident on the ward and attended by 4th year medical students, the head nurse, the ward social worker and others connected with the care of the patient. Student nurses often attend for teaching purposes.

Teaching

Teaching has been a responsibility of the Department since its beginning, but has increased with the deepening understanding and use of social facts in the care of the patient by all those entrusted with that care.

In 1909 nine students were accepted from the Boston School of Social Work. For 1951-52 there were 13 students here in training from Boston College, B.U., Simmons and Smith College Schools of Social Work.

In 1913, at the request of the medical school, the department started giving seminars to medical students. This has now developed into monthly medical-social conferences with 4th year medical students in cooperation with Harvard Medical School.

In 1912 a selected group of student nurses received three months' experience in the department. In 1916 lectures were requested for student nurses. Now, general lectures, morning teaching clinics and discussions with individual students on their case studies are included in this program. The Social Service Department also cooperates by giving lectures for occupational therapy, dietary and theological students.

Through the Richard C. Cabot Education and Library Fund opportunities for staff education, seminars and the Social Service Library just off Treadwell were made possible.

Exchange students have also come from other countries to exchange information and experience.

Research

As with the rest of the hospital, the research functions of the Social Service Department are seeing great expansion. Among the earlier projects undertaken was an investigation of social and industrial conditions of the working man in 1911. In 1913 the department cooperated in studying 147 cases of lead poisoning. As a result of this survey, "occupation card" was added to male medical records.

During the past three or four years, several part-time and full-time workers have been assigned to aid directly on medical research projects.

The Social Service Department at the Massachusetts General Hospital was initiated in 1905 by Dr. Richard Cabot, then Out-Patient Physician, in an effort to help make medical care more effective by dealing with personal or social situations that interfered with the needed medical care. Miss Garnet I. Pelton and Miss Ellen T. Emerson were the first "social workers." Much of their time was spent in helping with the education and care of T.B. patients.

By 1914 the trustees, recognizing the importance of the work that had been and could be done by the department, created the office of "Chief of Social Service." Miss Ida M. Cannon, head worker since 1907, was appointed chief and held the position until her retirement in 1945. In 1919 the probation period was over and the Social Service Department was made an integral part of the hospital organization.

ATTENTION!

November 3 is the deadline for entries in the Photographic contest. The original length of the contest has been shortened due to lack of response. If you want to be eligible for the final prize, be sure to send your entry into the Personnel Office by November 3.

Volunteers Needed

Do you know any women who can give a few daytime hours to our Nursing Auxiliary Service? This work would include the transportation of patients, records, etc., within the hospital.

PASTORAL TRAINING

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During the first two weeks of each session, the student chaplains work in the wards, in the Baker and in the Eye and Ear Infirmary, as volunteer orderlies. The men work three hours each morning. By this actual participation in the busy hospital routine, they become intimately acquainted with the complex problems which confront the personnel of the nursing service, dietary department and housekeeping staff. The men develop a tremendous respect for the people who do the work in the hospital. After the first two weeks, the men become assistant chaplains and make pastoral calls on selected patients assigned to them.

Every day during the whole six weeks the clergy-in-training have two meetings which last about one and one-half hours each. At some of these meetings doctors representing the various specialties lecture to the clergy. Also, lectures about Social Service, Nursing and other professional work are given. Outstanding clergy from nearby parishes who have had training and experience in Clinical Pastoral Training are invited to speak before the group.

When asked to tell briefly what they learned, one answered, "I not only learned how to keep my mouth shut and to listen instead, but I also learned when and how to pray with a sick person, when and what to read from the Bible for a sick person and to whom and under what circumstances certain sacraments should be made available."

Without exception every theological student and clergyman, whether an Anglican Priest, Jewish Rabbi, Unitarian minister, Seventh Day Advent Pastor, Baptist preacher or representative of some other church goes away convinced that the Massachusetts General Hospital and the people who work here are the most wonderful in the world.

Chaplain James Burns

DON'T FORGET
THE M.G.H. BRANCH
OF THE A.A.A.A. CLUB

It meets every Thursday evening
from 7-9 o'clock
in the Doctors' Cafeteria

Come and learn a new hobby among enthusiasts and artists.

There are people to help you in jewelry making, oil painting, water colors, pastels, charcoal, finger painting and linoleum cuts.

ABOUT FOLKS

Dietary Tidbits

On September 24 the Dietary Department focused its attention on the Baker Memorial floor kitchens while Mr. M. S. Glick of the DuBois Company sponsored an inspection of those units to check work procedures and the efficiency of his product. Competition ran high — congratulations and a prize went to Ann Cartie on Baker 5 while Gladys Farrell on Baker 7 and Lois Reed on Baker 3 tied for second place. We are pleased to recognize Mr. Glick's cooperation and the fine report merited by this test.

Tony DiPrizio, assistant cook in White Kitchen, is serving Uncle Sam now in the Army. He volunteered just a few weeks ago.

Corinne Murphy, who has checked and cashiered in Nurses' Cafeteria in such a friendly way since 1947, has left M.G.H. and is employed in a bank.

Mrs. Maude Jenkins, night supervisor of Nurses' Cafeteria, made an extra special trip on her vacation this year. She visited her son and his family in California in addition to visiting many interesting and worthwhile places between here and the coast.

Lillian Trowbridge of Nurses' and West had to leave us. She moved further away from Boston and is now working in the Newton-Wellesley Hospital.

Three folks that you will still see but not in the usual places are: Mary Corbitt who was in East and Nurses' and is now a diet aide in Baker; Forest Eastman who has moved from Baker Dietary to Bacteriology; and, Mildred Smith who has moved from West Cafeteria to Baker X-ray.

Emma Anderson of the dishroom and Anna Bucciero of Vincent Burnham both underwent surgery recently. We hope they will be well enough to return soon.

Frances Needham of Nurses' and East Cafeteria and Helen Turner of West both ran into some bad luck. Frances broke her ankle and Helen broke her wrist. Recovery takes time, but we wish the quickest possible one for both of them.

Mrs. Leila Gates of White Diet Kitchen is pleased about her daughter, Charlotte, who was married to Alfred Pasquale in St. Rita's Church, Haverhill, Mass., on August 24. Charlotte is an M.G.H. graduate and was a night supervisor here. Right now she is head nurse in the infants' section of Columbia Presbyterian Hospital in New York.

Baker Nursing

Miss Dorothy Perkins was married to Sumner Newcomb on October 19. We wish her many years of happiness. After a trip through the South, she will be back to work.

We are glad to have Miss Margaret Ferguson back on Baker 7 as head nurse.

Miss Rachel Brown from Baker 7 is leaving to work in Washington, D. C., where her brother and sister live.

Mrs. Louise Burns of Baker 5 is leaving to make her home in California and do hospital work there. Best of luck from all of us.

Mrs. Helen (Weher) Reid, formerly of BMOR, had a baby boy August 31.

Miss Shirley Rice from Anesthesia has been called into the Air Force.

Miss Anne Gounaris has left the G.U. room to do further study in laboratory work.

Weddings and Engagements

Patsy Saunders and Dr. James Ferguson have recently announced their engagement. Dr. Ferguson is now attending the Navy School of Aviation Medicine at Pensacola.

The former Beatrice M. Antonelli, accountant, is now Mrs. John Joseph Mendes.

Nursing

It is a boy for Dr. and Mrs. David Khan. He has been named Jeffrey Paul.

Everybody remembers Priscilla Gaul of Errand Service. She is now the mother of a darling baby girl.

Johnnie Jr. has arrived at the home of Mrs. Ann Kotasenski.

Miss Veronica Byrne and Miss Mary Alice Barron were welcomed back to the fold after a stay in California.

Mr. Reese is on the mend. We hope that he will be back soon.

Good news! Miss Mona Moore is well on the way to recovery.

Phillips House

Mrs. Frances Harrison, who has been the Phillips House Record Clerk for many years, had a very interesting summer. She went to Paris and London with the group of Record Librarians. Returning to New York she was married on September 14 in the Riverside Church to Ralph Nealey of West Medford. After a trip to Williamsburg, she has come back to her Phillips House duties.

Miss Catherine Mayer was married August 16 to Alphonse Castilana. She will return to the fourth floor.

Miss Kathleen Galvin of the X-ray department had a most inspiring holiday flying to San Antonio and New Orleans with a group of friends.

Barbara Mikita, who has been helping as Phillips House messenger, had a pleasant vacation in New Hampshire.

Miss Annie Lynch will soon leave for a fall visit to Newburyport.

Eye and Ear Infirmary

The 1953 Red Feather Drive begins at the Infirmary on October 27. This year Miss Anita Mangiaracine, Infirmary bacteriologist, is Chairman for the Hospital's United Community Services Campaign. The Eye and Ear is one of the many hospitals throughout the greater Boston community that derives a part of its financial support from UCS funds. Each year the Infirmary has done its share in raising the over-all sum that allows the Red Feather Drive to support 300 social, educational programs and health services in this area.

Two members of the Anesthesia Department resigned recently to accept new positions. Miss Sara Metzler, R.N., Nurse Anesthetist, left the Infirmary on October 12. Her new post is at the Fish Memorial Hospital, Deland, Florida. Miss Estelle LeMaitre, R.N., first Assistant in the Anesthesia Department, resigned in September and is now a Captain in the nursing division of the United States Air Corps.

Miss Katherine Hogan, R.N., resigned as Clinical Instructor at the Infirmary to enroll at Duke University, North Carolina, for further graduate study.

The new clinical instructors are Mrs. Althea B. Brady, R.N., and Miss Nancy Caswell, R.N. They are in charge of the student nurses' program and the Infirmary's specialized graduate course in eye, ear, nose and throat nursing.

The Infirmary notes with deep regret the death of Miss Grace Bigelow Inman, who was day matron at the Nurses' Residence from October 1947 until the summer of this year. Miss Inman died at the Phillips House on July 14. She is remembered as a gracious, dignified lady by her many friends in the Nursing Department.

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Service Pins Awarded on Ether Day

Dr. Dean A. Clark addresses members of the M.G.H. family at the annual Service Pin presentation held on Ether Day.

379 Members of M.G.H. Family Receive Recognition For Years Of Service To The Hospital

On October 16, 1952, the annual Ether Day celebration was held in the Moseley Rotunda. This year marked the 106th anniversary of the first use of ether in the Massachusetts General Hospital.

To commemorate the occasion 379 members of the M.G.H. family received service pins in recognition of their long and devoted years of service to the hospital. This year, for the first time, awards were made to employees with five years of service; 312 employees received their five-year pins.

Dr. Dean A. Clark, Director, presided over the ceremonies while Mr. Henry Guild greeted the employees on behalf of the Board of Trustees. Before the presentation of the pins, Alain Bernheim, an exchange student from the Paris Conservatory of Music who is now studying at the New England Conservatory, entertained generously on the piano. The occasion was furthur honored by the presence of Dr. Faxon, former Director of the hospital.

The 312 five-year pins were distributed by the Assistant Directors as the deserving employees stood for proper recognition. The other 67 pins were presented personally by Dr. Clark. The following people were honored for ten years of service:

James Adhams	Dietary
Ethel Anderson, Mrs.	Solution
Blanche E. Bassett,	Dietary
Doris Bassett,	OPD
Alice Burnell, Mrs.	General Store
Margery Crothers	Social Service
Elizabeth Dunn	Linen Control & Sewing Room
Mabel B. Evans, Mrs.	General Nursing
Myra Fairweather, Mrs.	Baker Nursing

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Blue Cross Drive Adds New Members

The annual reopening of the Blue Cross-Blue Shield group at the Massachusetts General Hospital has been completed and the results were more than satisfactory.

According to Frantz L. Warner, the Blue Cross-Blue Shield representative who handles our group, 77 employees joined Blue Cross for the first time and 70 enrolled for Blue Shield. Fifty-seven of those joining Blue Cross chose one of the supplements, entitling them to $10 or $12 a day room and board coverage. In addition, 64 of our employees who already belonged to Blue Cross increased their coverage during the reopening.

As a result of the recent reopening, a total of 1422 Massachusetts General employees belong to Blue Cross and 849 have Blue Shield memberships. It is gratifying to know that so many are interested in protecting themselves against the unforeseen calamity of illness or injury.

Christmas Calendar

Nurses' Candlelight Service
Tuesday, December 16
Moseley Rotunda
8:00 P.M.

Caroling
Monday, December 22
3:30-4 Refreshments for carolers in Supervisors' Dining Room
4-6 Caroling

Party for the Patients
Monday, December 22
Moseley Rotunda
2:30 P.M.

MGH Family Christmas Party
Tuesday December 23

Children's party in Vincent-Burnham
Wednesday, December 24
Christmas Eve.

A. A. A. A.

Would you like to join the American Amateur Artists Association? This club is open to all members of the hospital family and their friends. Meetings are held every Thursday at 7:30 P.M. in the Doctors' Dining Room. Choose your own medium with which to work. Come and have fun!

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This Is America

The elections are over, and we have a new face in the White House. The Red Feather Campaign is almost over, and we are about to prepare for the holiday season — Christmas will soon be upon us. It may be said that this is a cross section of the American spirit.

Simultaneously with the national elections, Red Feather drives have been taking place in 1600 communities across the nation. The din of election has not obscured a national campaign which has contributed millions of dollars to 17,000 services. Our spirit is truly one of loving and giving.

In addition to helping the less fortunate in the community, we extend our aid virtually all over the Globe. The American Christmas is but a climax to the yearlong demonstration of "good will toward men."

We want to extend this good will and cheer to the patients and personnel at the hospital. Toward this end, one week of Christmas activities is planned. There is the patients' party and carol singing on Monday, December 22, and the employees' party on Tuesday evening, December 23. Let us all join these activities with gusto. Let M.G.H. ring out with good cheer.

The General Store is ready for Christmas. Are You?

An early inspection of cards and gift wrappings will assure a fine selection and save hours in crowded stores.

Service Pins

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David Findlay	Maintenance
Michael J. Flanagan	General Nurs.
Simeon Gagne	Maintenance
Lydia Garrison	Nursing School
Marion Gilligan, Mrs.	Dietary
Katherine Goudy, Mrs.	Dietary
Thomas Hennessey	Maintenance
Miriam Huggard	PH Nursing
Helen Kaminski, Mrs.	PH Hskpg.
William Keough	Protection
Eleanor Lewis	Treadwell Library
Phyllis MacAloney	Physical Therapy
Leonard Maggiotta	Instrument Shop
A. Stanley Mason	Maintenance
Richard F. May	Laundry
Katherine McBride, Mrs.	Dietary
Anthony C. Mello	OPD Hskp.
Lillian Miller	Baker Nurs.
Helen Morgan	Baker Lab.
Joseph Mrakovich	Gen. & Bak. Hskp.
Margaret Porter	Accounting
Antonio Profirio	OPD Hskpg.
Julia Quinlan	Gen. & Baker Hskpg.
Grace E. Reid, Mrs.	PH Nursing
Otto Skeppen	Dietary
Rupert A. Smith	Animal Farm
Margaret Thompson, Mrs.	Gen. & Baker Hskpg.
Dorothy Tibbetts	Huntington Mem.
Lawrence Tibbetts	PH Nursing
Bearl Treat, Mrs.	PH Nursing
Ada L. Weener, Mrs.	Dietary
Catherine Yevic	Personnel

Suggestion Awards

Mr. John J. Farrell, orderly on Baker 6, has received $10 for his suggestion to help improve safety regulations. He suggested that (1) fire equipment be exposed to full view or that their locations be painted in outstanding colors and (2) that small extinguishers be centrally located by the head nurses' desks underneath the medical records.

Miss Marfredonia, student nurse, made a good suggestion in regard to improving sitting-room facilities for patients. Although the general problem has been met in another way, Miss Marfredonia was given $2 for her good idea.

Mr. Harold L. Emrich is back with the Accounting Office as Assistant Comptroller. Since he was here last he has acquired a lovely wife and child, a most talented child at that. We hear that he will soon be a valuable member of the Department! Nice to have you back again, Mr. Emrich.

There were seven people who received 20-year pins:

Marguerite Burke	Pathology
William T. Clubb	Orthopedic Workshop
Edward Davock	Dietary
George E. Hamilton	Protection
Florence McKinnon	Dietary
Grace L. Sterritt	Telephone
Enes Zambon	Genr'l Admit.

The following doctors were honored for their 25 years of service:

Dr. F. Dennette Adams
Dr. Franklin G. Balch, Jr.
Dr. G. Colket Caner
Dr. Fletcher H. Colby
Dr. Joseph Garland
Dr. Francis T. Hunter
Dr. Chester M. Jones
Dr. Charles S. Kubik
Dr. Glenn W. Lawrence
Dr. Leland S. McKittrick
Dr. William A. Rogers
Dr. Eli Romberg
Dr. Grantly W. Taylor
Dr. Robert G. Vance
Dr. Roy R. Wheeler

There were four members of the M.G.H. staff who joined the ranks of those with 30 years of service. They were:

John Hague	Upper Store
John Keating	Genr'l Info.
Dr. Joe V. Meigs	
Mathilda M. Wagner	Purchasing

A Letter to the M.G.H. from Buka Passage

The staff members of the White Building received a recent communication from Reverend Gerard G. Pelletier, former Catholic Chaplain in the hospital, who is now in New Guinea. Reverend Pelletier left Boston on July 7 for San Francisco. After three days there, he moved on to Sydney, Australia. From there he flew to Rabaul where he spent another three days before arriving at his destination, Buka Passage.

Reverend Pelletier has promised to write again and tell us his impressions of the country and people.

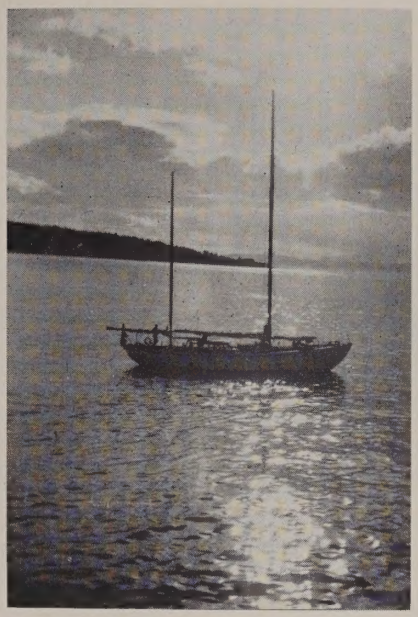
Mrs. Thorndike Speaks At Hospital Meeting

Mrs. Augustus Thorndike, Chairman of the Ladies' Visiting Committee of the Massachusetts General Hospital, was invited to speak at the 54th annual convention of the American Hospital Association held in Philadelphia in September.

In her talk, entitled "A Committee to Visit the Patient," she outlined the history of the Ladies' Visiting Committee and spoke of the functions carried out by its six committees.

PHOTOGRAPHIC CONTEST

Class I. "Sightseeing" submitted by Camelia Perrotta, Baker Nurse.



Class II. "Fishing Boat in Portugal Waters." submitted by Mrs. Frederick Nursing School Office.

Volunteers Needed

The following excerpts are from an article by Claire Fisk which was featured in the Boston Traveler on Thursday, October 30:

VOLUNTEER OF THE MONTH: Mrs. J. R. Harding of Brookline, Mass. If you've been a patient or visitor at the MGH, you've undoubtedly seen her yourself — a tall, gray-haired woman in a white uniform, carrying a red basket and moving rapidly through the hospital corridors.

"Since 1944, Mrs. Harding has worked 6800 hours for the hospital," Mrs. Courtney began.

"In any case," Mrs. Harding added briskly, "I have more time than money, and I've adored every minute of it. You can't give credit to someone for doing something she loves to do."

"Just what is your job?" I asked.

On that subject, as on anything concerning her beloved MGH, Mrs. Harding was perfectly willing to talk. "The first thing in the morning" (she gives three mornings and one afternoon a week to the hospital, year in and year out) "I go to all the floors in the White Building (the surgical wards) and collect their errands. These usually take me to the Blood Bank, to the Pharmacy, to the front desk with messages, maybe to the maintenance and administrative offices. After I deliver all the things I collect en route, I go to X-ray treatment—they're the most **wonderful** people, like everyone else in this hospital—and do all their errands. Getting fresh linen, oh, any odd errands they may have. Usually I get through there about 11:30, so I report back to Messenger Service and am sent out to wheel patients from one part of the hospital to another."

"You must cover an awful lot of ground," I suggested, thinking of the city blocks covered by the MGH.

"We estimated once that she walks eight or ten miles a morning," Mrs. Courtney interpolated.

"Nonsense!" Mrs. Harding's smile indicated that this was an argument of long standing. "Anyway, my daughter-in-law is going to give me a pedometer for my birthday, so we'll find out . . ."

"What do you like best about the hospital?" I asked, knowing it to be an awkward question, but feeling that Mrs. Harding was quite equal to it.

"I love everything about the MGH," she said, largely. "The elevator men, the doctors, the patients, the secretaries . . . and never, in all these years, have I heard anyone say a single word of complaint . . . But you asked me what I liked best." She paused, while I waited for some lofty phrase to fall from her lips. "I think —yes, I'm sure what I like best is the food served here in the cafeteria, particularly the watermelon."

The conversation then veered to the best methods of making watermelon pickle, and I extricated a few more facts with the greatest of difficulty: that Mrs. Harding had run the Boylston Street headquarters for Red Cross dressings for a couple of years during the war; prior to that she had volunteered for seven years at the Children's Hospital, leaving only when she moved away from the vicinity. Her fellow volunteers at the table also proffered the information that she could "get anything from anyone around the hospital at the drop of a hat" when speedy service was needed. "We don't know how she does it," they said, a trifle enviously. Mrs. Harding came up with a typical Harding-ish answer. "It's because I take them peanuts," she pointed out. "That helps." She was obviously eager to get on to her afternoon job—that of helping with the patients in a teaching clinic—so, with a vivid mental picture of the hospital personnel busily munching peanuts as they rapidly turned out supplies at Mrs. Harding's behest, we let her make her escape.

Bouquets From Our Patients

Dr. Clark would like to share with you a few of the letters which he has received from patients:

"I enjoyed having such sweet, willing and capable nurses. They were more than willing to give any extra service that would make a patient more comfortable. The food was well cooked and attractively served. The rooms and beds were clean at all times. I like the friendly ladies who serve the meals and the aides who helped me."

"I have absolutely no complaints to make about this wonderful hospital. There are things in this world that can't be ever repaid with money. All I can say is 'Thank you. You are really angels of mercy.'"

"I can't say enough about you and your hospital. I was a very sick person when I came in and am going out on my own today. May God bless you all."

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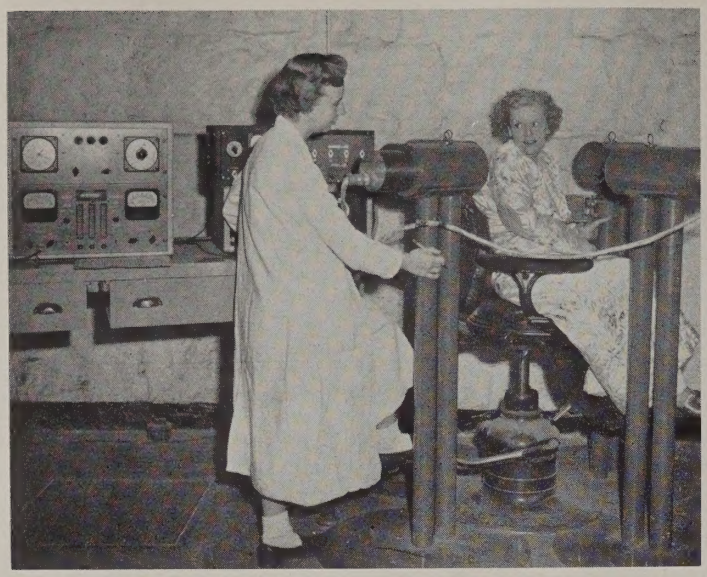
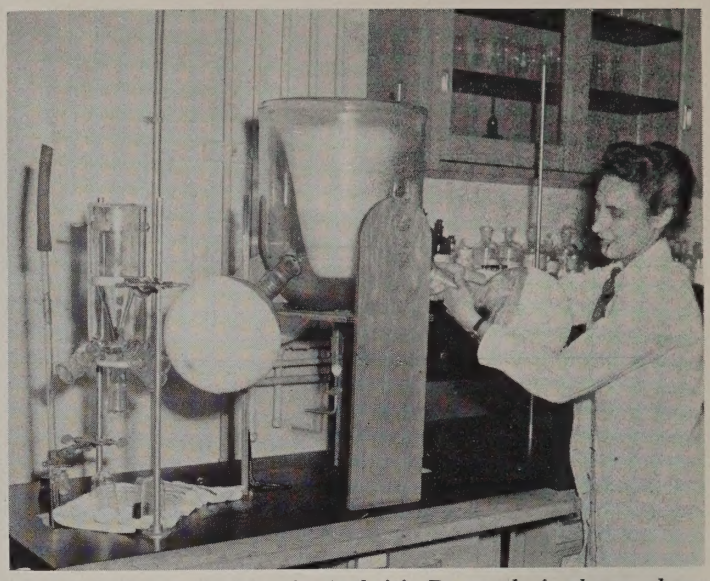
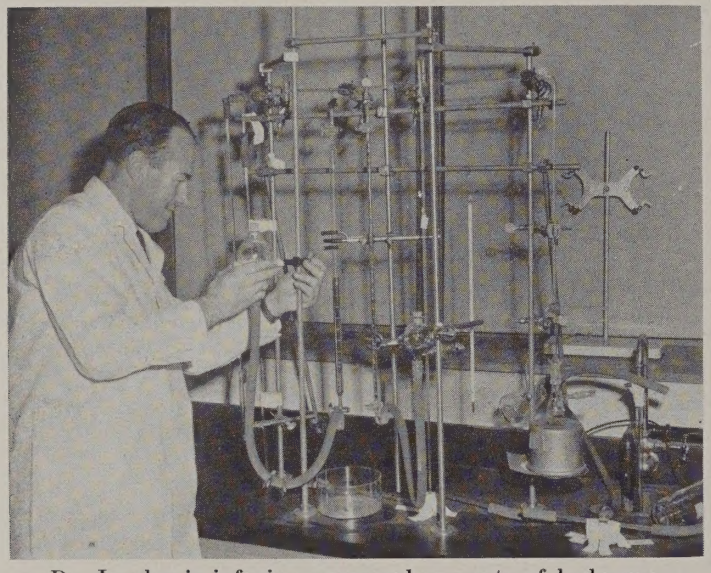


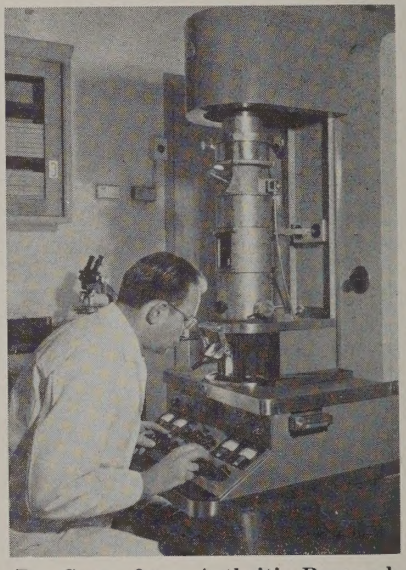
Eleanor Murphy, Thyroid Clinic, is measuring the proportion of a dose of radioactive iodide which has been injected in the patient's thyroid gland. The tube like things pointing to the patient pick up the reading and it is shown on the tabulators behind the technicians.



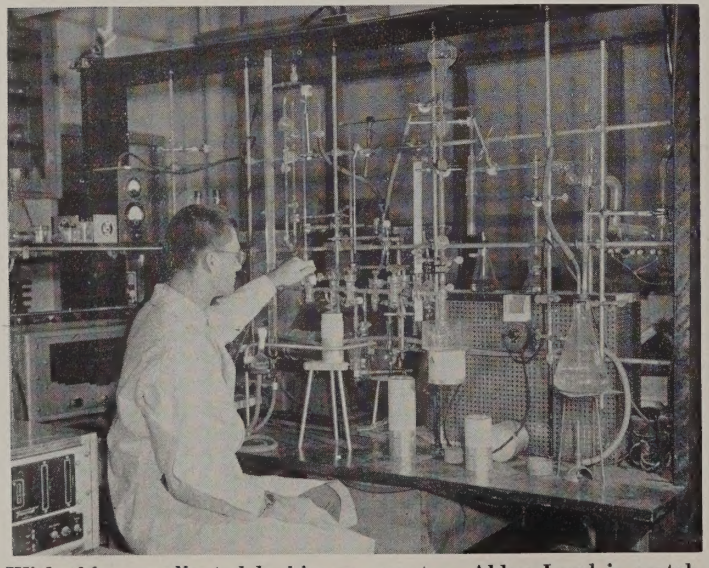
Irene Palatine, technician in Arthritic Research, is shown above working with the lyophilization machine. This is used to freeze substances into solid forms so that they can be dried without being destroyed. This apparatus was specially made for their purposes; the one seen on the left is the usual size.



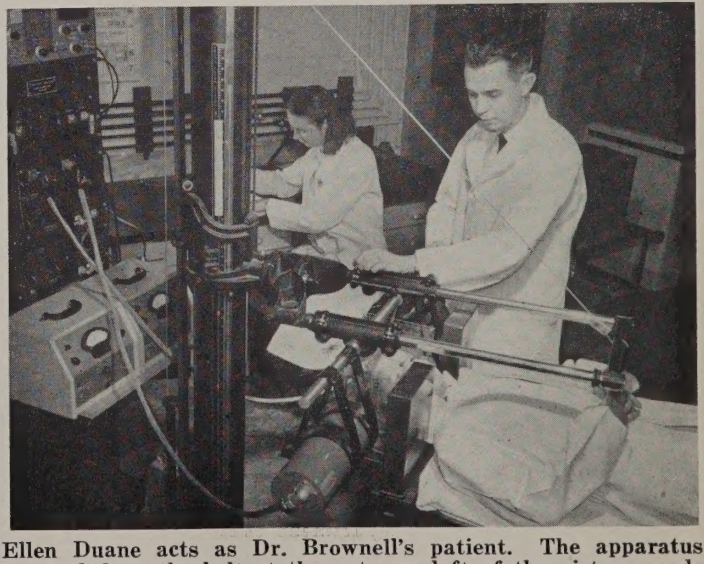
Dr. Jeanloz is infusing measured amounts of hydrogen into a substance.



Dr. Gross from Arthritic Research is shown above operating the electronic microscope. This is able to blow up specimens from 100 to 200,000 times its actual size.



With this complicated looking apparatus, Alden Loud is watching the internal counting of radioactive hydrogen. Such counting techniques made available to Dr. Frantz and his co-workers make human study a possibility.



Ellen Duane acts as Dr. Brownell's patient. The apparatus suspended on the belt at the extreme left of the picture reads the activity in each square of the plastic case over the patient's head. Pauline Montgomery is assisting the doctor. The area in which the activity reads the highest is most likely to be the location of the tumor.

M.G.H. Laboratories

Since the foundation of the Massachusetts General Hospital Committee on Research and the erection of the New Research Building, a great expansion has taken place in the research function of the hospital. After World War II the growing need for a reorientation of research toward such problems as cancer, arthritis, aging, coronary heart disease and illnesses prevalent after middle age was generally recognized. The new antibiotic drugs were becoming so effective in the control of infection that a change in the type of illness seen in the hospitals made the need for such a change clear.

In 1946 the M.G.H. took initial steps to expand their sources of funds for research programs. In the following January a Committee on Research was appointed to attract additional income to support research and to administer the research funds available to the hospital. Through this committee's efforts and the cooperation and contribution of a small group of subscribers, a Massachusetts General Hospital Research Fund of $130,000 a year was set up. This fund is used to (1) attract several basic science investigations to buttress the basic research program (2) support the metabolic research ward and (3) allow pilot projects to be started and carried to a stage of attracting support from outside foundations.

To aid the trustees in policies involving a specialized scientific knowledge, a Scientific Advisory Committee, made up of well-known research men from the country at large, was appointed. In May, 1951, the new Research Building became a working reality and additional funds were made available for new and more detailed research projects.

Great Strides are being realized—things that all of us, as members of the Massachusetts General Hospital family, should be aware of and proud of. As each of us helps to make it possible for the patient to receive effective care, so each of us makes this research possible.

Arthritis Research

On the second floor of the Research Building Dr. Jerome Gross and Dr. Roger Jeanloz are directing some interesting work in arthritic research. One of their main concerns is the study of connective tissue, a matter found between the cells of the body. It is suspected that changes occur in the characteristics of this connective tissue when an arthritic condition is present.

This connective tissue consists of ground substance and fiber. Dr. Jeanloz is particularly interested in the chemical structure of the ground substance.

Dr. Gross is concentrating on examining the structure and substance of the fiber in the connective tissue. By studying the normal condition of the connective tissue the doctors hope to be able to detect the form of change found in arthritic patients.

Physics Research

With the aid of the M.G.H. Research Fund Dr. Gordon L. Brownell was brought to the M.G.H. from M.I.T. At the present time, Dr. Brownell is in charge of the Physics Research Laboratory and is working on various biophysical problems such as the detection of brain tumors with positron-emitting isotopes and the development of an analogue computer for analysis of tracer data.

Cardiovascular Research

Another important study made possible by the Research Fund is the cardiovascular research under Dr. Ivan D. Frantz, Jr. This study, pertaining to the heart and blood vessels, has been directed toward discovering a cause for hardening of the arteries. It is believed by many that a primary cause of this condition is due to some change in the fats of the blood. Dr. Frantz has been concentrating on an examination of these blood fats, specifically the cholesterol.

The cholesterol, an important constituent of the yolk of an egg, is found throughout the body in bile, brain tissue, blood, etc. Inasmuch as clinical studies indicate that coronary disease is pointedly absent in persons with low cholesterol levels, Dr. Frantz has been studying the factors relevant to the decrease and increase of this substance. He is aiming toward finding what causes the deposition of fats in the walls of the blood vessels with the final hope of discovering a means to prevent it. He has already come a long way in understanding the control of blood cholesterol. To date, most of his research has been done with animal liver, but the sensitive counting techniques available and the high activity of the radioactive cholesterol, which Dr. Frantz and his co-workers have synthesized, make human study a future possibility.

Thyroid Clinic

The Thyroid Clinic is devoted to the study of diseases of the thyroid gland and related diseases and the study of the physiology and the pathological physiology of the thyroid gland in animals. The animal studies are done in an endeavor to cast more light upon human disease.

The Metabolism Laboratory, on the first floor of the Bulfinch Building, is for the determination of the basal metabolic rate, which is an index of the level of activity of the thyroid gland. Here patients are seen every morning, have their metabolism tests done and are then seen by the various physicians of the Thyroid Clinic.

Much of the work of the Thyroid Clinic centers around the use of radioactive iodide. Radioactive iodide is useful because the thyroid uses iodine in manufacturing thyroid hormone. Consequently, the manufacturing of thyroid hormone can be studied very accurately with the use of radioactive iodide because radioactive iodide can be measured so accurately with devices for measuring radiation. In the basement of the Bulfinch Building are two devices which are used for measuring the radiation of radioactive iodide in patients. One of these, situated near the Laundry, measures the proportion of a dose of radioactive iodide which goes into the thyroid gland. The other device is used to measure the location of radioactive iodide when it is concentrated either in a particular nodule within the thyroid gland, or when it is concentrated within a thyroid tumor in bone or elsewhere. This latter machine aids us in planning the treatment of patients with cancer of the thyroid. Across the corridor from these two machines is the Protein-Bound Iodine Laboratory. The quantity of the thyroid hormone which is present in the blood can be measured by this complicated chemical procedure and gives the best index of the function of the thyroid gland in making thyroid hormone.

Among other projects is one in which Dr. Stanbury and his co-workers are trying to determine the capacity of radioactive iodide to produce cancer in the thyroids of rats, the effect of radioactive Cobalt in producing cancer and the effect of certain chemical agents in producing cancer.

M.G.H. Does It Again

Miss E. Louise Seymour, Medical Records Librarian, was recently voted President-elect of the American Association of Medical Record Librarians at their National Convention held in Washington, D. C. Miss Seymour was presented an orchid from her department, offering congratulations and expressing their best wishes.

ABOUT FOLKS

Eye and Ear Infirmary

October was Red Feather month at the Infirmary.

As a special part of the Campaign, the Infirmary this year held an election to choose the hospital's Miss Red Feather. Candidates were chosen not only for appearance, but for personality and civic mindedness.

Four nominees were selected in the primary election—Miss Ruth Bearse, R.N., Miss Dorothy Curtis, R. N., Miss Helen Demers, R.N., and Miss Jean Easton of the Social Service Department. The following week each Infirmary member voted for the final winner, handing in a ballot with his Red Feather contribution. On November 4 the ballots were counted and Miss Curtis was proclaimed our Miss Red Feather for 1952.

The first meeting of the newly formed Money-Saving Committee was held on October 31. The purpose of the Committee is to discover ways of cutting on-the-job expenses and of making savings wherever possible. In addition, the Committee is interested in new ideas and methods to tackle everyday hospital problems. A suggestion box has been set up in the basement rotunda (beside the time clock) and the Committee hopes to have contributions from all personnel.

Frank Johnson, Assistant in the Maintenance Department, has transferred to the Massachusetts General to start a new job in maintenance there. Frank has been working as a member of the hospital group for almost 20 years, first at the MGH and then at the Eye and Ear, and he received the Infirmary's 2-star service pin in 1951. All of Frank's friends here wish him the best of luck in his new work.

Housekeeping

In recent weeks Mr. William J. MacNair has announced several promotions within the Housekeeping Department. The first of these promotions raised Mr. Connie Cappucci to supervisor of the night crew. Others raised to the supervisory level include Mr. Edwin Stevens, the former foreman of Bulfinch who is now supervisor of that building, and Mr. John L. Roche, previously the foreman of the White Building and now supervisor of the Vincent-Burnham. Hearty congratulations are extended to these men and they carry with them the hopes of the entire department that all will go well in their new positions.

As the new come, so the old leave. Mr. William Mapleson recently retired as supervisor of the Vincent-Burnham Building. Bill's future plans call for a winter in Florida and then back to Massachusetts for frequent trips to the Cape next summer. Best wishes are extended to Mr. Mapleson, and, though we hate to see him leave, we are all a bit envious of him.

Left to right: Dr. Dean A. Clark, General Director, and Miss E. Louise Seymour, Director of the Medical Records Administration program at the M.G.H. with Simmons students Mrs. Jacqueline Shaps of Brookline, Mary Cowles of Deerfield, Joan Battis of Wollaston and Janet Tisdale of Braintree.

Nursing

Congratulations and best wishes to Miss Mildred Hagstrom of the Nursing School Office on her engagement.

For the Cushings (Evelyn Murphy) their second child, a girl. Congratulations.

Miss Georgette Morrisette, Miss Irene Pasierb and Miss Dorothea Latten have joined the staff of the Overnight Ward.

Have you seen the new Nurses' Station in EW? Most convenient and useful.

There has been a great deal of illness among the hospital aides this fall. We are happy to have Cora Watts back on night duty on Vincent 3 and Alice Thompson busy doing surgical preparations again.

Both Alice Freeman and Alice Clifton are at home convalescing from recent surgery. We are all anxiously awaiting their return.

Jeanette McMasters and Ada Hulen have come to us from the Housekeeping Department. They are proving very helpful in the Overnight Ward and on Bulfinch 3, respectively.

Dietary

Elizabeth Butchart, night cook in White Kitchen, has retired after nine years with the M.G.H. Her friends honored her with a farewell party.

Cupid's activities among staff members have been extensive lately. Miss Marion Field of East Cafeteria resigned in favor of matrimony. She became the bride of Dr. David Stanton Johnson, formerly with the Eye and Ear Infirmary and now a Lieutenant in the Air Force. Miss Marjorie McCarthy of Baker has a lovely diamond that says she will become Mrs. Robert Baker before long, and Miss Nancy Newcomb of the Eye and Ear is engaged to Robert Atherton Howatt.

Ellen Gallagher, who used to serve in Nurses' Cafeteria while she was in High School and whose sister, Patricia, worked with us for a while last summer, is planning to be married on December 7. The groom to be is another old acquaintance of ours, Harold Hopkins. Harold used to work in Vincent-Burnham, but is now in the service.

Since Nancy Murray, Diet Aide in Vincent-Burnham, joined us in September, she has become Mrs. Pillsbury. We wish her much happiness.

We would like to thank all those people who worked to make the Red Feather Campaign a success.

Gabrielle Bouvier has left the M.G.H. to study art in Paris. She received this opportunity as a result of the exhibit she entered last year. Good luck to you from all of your friends at the hospital, Gab!